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**Lions Club donation to Princess  
of Wales Hospital - see page 2.**

**Sunnyside site in Bridgend  
gets the green light - see page 5.**

## Homeless family 'devastated' by death of pet dog



*Cole accidentally hanged himself after being  
tied to a kennel outside a homeless shelter.*

**BRIDGEND**  
Animal Rescue  
Charity (BARC)  
which offers tem-  
porary shelter for  
animals belonging  
to the homeless,  
is reaching out to  
homeless charities  
after learning about  
the sad death of a  
family dog.

The charity said that  
Cole was the much-  
loved pet of a mother  
and son who had found  
themselves homeless.  
The family had avoided  
night shelters because  
Cole wasn't allowed in,  
so they had been sleeping  
on the streets.

On Sunday, March 24,  
during a cold spell, the  
family decided to use a  
Bridgend night shelter  
for the first time. Cole  
was not allowed inside so  
the staff at the shelter tied  
him to an outdoor kennel.

The family were con-  
cerned about leaving him  
and went out to see him  
early the next morning.  
Tragically, Cole had  
tried to release himself  
from the kennel and had  
jumped the fence - the  
family found him acci-  
dentally hanged by the  
restraint the staff had tied  
him up with.

BARC is supporting  
the family and helping  
to raise funds towards  
the cremation of Cole. If  
people want donate, they  
should go to 'Gofundme.  
com' and search for 'Help  
us bring Cole home'.

The charity stresses  
this sort of situation is  
avoidable because the  
charity can do a lot to  
support homeless and  
low-income families  
with pets.

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## It's panto time in Blaengarw!



*The charity pantomimes in Blaengarw  
always attract good audiences.  
See more photographs from  
GLYN EVANS on page 4.*

## Funding model for five primary schools agreed

**TWO** of the next new five pri-  
mary schools to be built in  
Bridgend county borough will  
be financed through a Mutual  
Investment Model (MIM),  
the Welsh Government's  
way of investing in public  
infrastructure.

In total, Bridgend County Borough  
Council (BCBC) has plans to build  
four new primary schools and one new  
special school over the next five to  
seven years as part of Band B of Welsh

Government's 21st Century Schools  
and Education Programme.

BCBC cabinet members have agreed  
that two of the new schemes will use  
MIMs, whereby private partners build  
and then maintain the schools over a  
25-year term. In return, the Welsh  
Government will pay a fee to the  
private partner, which will cover the  
cost of construction, maintenance and  
financing the project. At the end of the  
contract, the school will be transferred  
into public ownership.

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## Blue skies are above for Kenfig Hill Air Cadets



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**CADETS** under the supervision of Flight Sergeant Peckham RAFAC were thankful for the glorious weather last week.

The weather was perfect for them to take to the skies for air experience flights at St Athan; Cadets Amelia Lewis, Chloe Davies and Morgan Baker had their first flight since joining the squadron with Cadet Baker, who has completed his ground training element achieving his blue wings. Cadet Owain Pugh, Cadet Corporal Luke Russel and Cadet Sergeant Patricia Davies, who have all flown

before, experienced aerobatics during their flights. Cadet Pugh successfully completed his bronze wings.

Flt Sgt Peckham would like to thank the schools for allowing cadets to have time off and also 1AEE St Athan for hosting the group and getting the cadets in the air.

This is only one of many activities you could be involved in by joining the RAF Air Cadets. If you are aged 12 and in year 8 up to the age of 17, male or female, come along and see what we can offer. You can contact the Squadron Adjutant by email at adj.2117@aircadets.org to arrange a visit or call us on 01656 670125.

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## Ramblers publish programme of walks for 2019

**BRIDGEND** Ramblers have published their walks programme covering April through September 2019.

They offer three walks every Sunday: a long walk of about 10 to 12 miles, a medium walk of about eight to 10 miles and a short walk of four to six miles. The Tuesday 10-mile walks continue and the fortnightly Thursday strolls of about three miles are going from strength to strength.

In the spring/summer programme, fortnightly Wednesday evening walks of about five miles are included.

Wednesday morning walks of about five

miles have also been introduced, interspersed with the Thursday programme. This gives a total of 139 walks covering the six-month period. This year, there will also be two Saturday coach trips to the Elan Valley and Stratford upon Avon, each with a five-mile walk.

In addition to the variety of distances and difficulties, these walks take place all over south Wales taking in coastal, woodland and hillside locations.

If any of this healthy outdoor activity appeals, visit [www.bridgendramblers.co.uk](http://www.bridgendramblers.co.uk) for further details.

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## Lions Club's donation to Princess of Wales Hospital

**THE** president of of Bridgend Lions Club, Tony Gates, and his wife Pauline, are pictured presenting two Baby Annie Resuscitation Manikins to the ward manager Helen Radford and staff nurse Ceri Keane in the Special Care Baby Unit at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, on Friday, March 29.

A cheque for £700 was also donated, which will help pay for a special chair for use by new mothers.

The staff were most grateful for the cheque and, of course, the new arrivals in time for Mother's Day!

## Time to say farewell to Porthcawl's 'tarmac beach'



The new sand-clouted surface which is part of Porthcawl's sea defences.

### Glamorgan Family History Society

**THE** next meeting of the Bridgend branch of the Glamorgan Family Society will be held on Monday, April 15.

Mr Gary Victor will talk about the loss of SS *Samtampa* and the *Prince Edward Prince of Wales* Mumbles lifeboat, along with 47 men, described as the worst Welsh maritime disaster of modern times. This will take place at the Len Evans Centre, off Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig CF32 9RF.

Members of the public welcome; talk starts at 7.30pm, refreshments available.

**PORHCRAWL'S 'tarmac beach' was - ironically - not made of tarmac, but the name stuck.**

It was actually a bitumen-based compound, slightly rubbery in texture and designed to take the sting out of waves as they rolled in towards Porthcawl promenade walls.

It had its critics, but it did do its job over almost 30 years. The days of waves crashing into the promenade, with water and spray almost reaching the Grand Pavilion, seem to be in the past.

However, it is no more and the constructors are putting the final touches to the town's new sea defences - a series of steps which are designed to take the brunt of the waves' energy, and a more visually pleasing sand-coloured resin, which was applied last week, so it's no more 'tarmac beach' in Porthcawl.

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## Bridgend Quiz League latest

**HERE** are this week's results for April 5 from the Bridgend Quiz League:

Tondu Railway Club 53; Crown Maesteg 41; Penybont AFC Nomads 57; Mackworth Arms 31; Five Bells A 44; TyRisha Arms 48; Oddfellows Arms No match; Five Bells B 2 pts; Cabo Roche 46; Chatterton Shunters 52; Six Bells Clangers 49; Pheasant Gamekeepers 42; Laleston Inn B

39, Prince of Wales Coychurch 47.  
Here are this week's teasers:  
1. What type of creature would live in a skep?  
2. What is the surname of the singing duo Jedward?  
3. How many sides does a hendecagon have?

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Answers: 1. A bee (it is a beehive); 2. Crimmes; 3. Eleven.

### HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL APRIL 11)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
04 Thur	07.07	9.3	19.24	9.5
05 Fri	07.41	9.5	19.54	9.7
06 Sat	08.13	9.7	20.25	9.8
07 Sun	08.44	9.9	20.57	9.8
08 Mon	09.14	9.7	21.27	9.5
09 Tues	09.49	9.4	21.59	9.3
10 Wed	10.20	9.1	22.39	8.9
11 Thurs	10.59	8.8	23.23	8.6

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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## Celebrating over 60 years of service at a Porthcawl church

A SERVICE of thanksgiving took place on March 16 to give thanks for 60 years of Christian service at Gilgal Baptist Church Hall, Woodland Avenue, Porthcawl.

The hall was set up in 1955 to provide a centre for Christian worship at the 'new estate'. Services were held and a very successful youth group and Girls' Brigade took place for a number of years. Over 160 children attended the Sunday school.

Sister Muriel McLennon was appointed as its minister, and set the scene for future Christian witness. On her departure the work was overseen by the main church at Park Avenue and a number of faithful members took charge of the church hall.

A timeline giving a pictorial record of the hall with responses from past members gives a clear view of the extent of its contribution to the life

of the church (see this on our website [www.gilgalbaptistchurch.co.uk](http://www.gilgalbaptistchurch.co.uk)).

A change of use is planned and the church at Park Avenue will become the centre for Christian witness. A large number of past members were present to renew friendships made so many years ago and many remain as members.

We are pleased that the Woodland Avenue hall is being taken on by the Scout organisation and will remain available to be used by community groups. We wish them every blessing for the future.

The church would love to hear from anyone who has recollections of their time at Gilgal Woodland Avenue. Follow them on our website and Twitter @ Gilgal Baptist Church.

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## KPC Youth seeks golfers

KPC Youth & Community are holding their annual charity Golf Day on Friday, June 21 at the Grove Golf Club, Porthcawl.

Entry for teams of four is £165 per team (or discounted Early Bird entry of £145 if form and payment submitted by April 30). Entry includes coffee on arrival, golf fees and a buffet meal following the round of golf, and to be

part of our prize presentation. We still have slots available – so please come along for a great day's golf and the chance to support a local charity!

Sponsorship is also sought for raffle/auction prizes or £50 to sponsor a hole - if you can support us that would be really appreciated. For entry forms/more details contact: Alison on 01656 749219 [kpcyouth@hotmail.com](mailto:kpcyouth@hotmail.com).

## Council's advert for new £139K chief executive

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (CBC) has advertised the role of chief executive for the local authority with a salary of up to £139,000.

An advert in The Guardian states that there couldn't be a better time to take the lead role at the local authority, with Bridgend playing an integral part in the biggest City Deal in the UK, and leading the way in Wales when it comes to the integration of health and social care.

It also highlights the 'fantastic lifestyle opportunities' in a county which stretches from the valleys to the coast and sits between Wales' two biggest cities, Cardiff and Swansea.

In a link providing more information on the role, council leader Huw David states: "We're embarking on a new era of public services that require a different dialogue with our residents, encouraging communities to be more self-reliant as we make decisions around how the council invests its resources."

"Partnership working is becoming an ever-more important element of how we work, combining resources and skills across the public sector to simplify access for customers and reduce the costs of delivery."

Bridgend County Borough Council has a lot to be proud of – we have built a reputation throughout Wales as a well-run and highly effective council, so there is a great platform for our new chief executive to build upon.

"And as part of the country's largest City Deal, worth in the region of £1.2bn which aims to create up to 25,000 new jobs, there couldn't be a

better time to be at the helm.

"I look forward to working with the new chief executive to deliver our council vision: 'One council working together to improve lives'. If this resonates with you and you can bring the energy, commitment and leadership to make it happen, this is a career-defining opportunity."

The deadline for applications is on April 8, and those candidates who are long-listed will be invited to attend an assessment centre on April 30. Final interviews are due to take place on May 1.

Mark Shephard, the former communities director at CBC, took over the leadership role on an interim basis when Darren Mephram left in January. Mr Mephram, who joined CBC as chief executive six years ago, took on a new role at the start of the year as chief executive for Barnet and Southgate College in North London.

Liz Bradfield, LDR

## ABMU chairman steps down after six years in post

THE ABMU University Health Board chairman, Andrew Davies, has announced he is stepping down after six years.

He made his announcement at the final board meeting of ABMU UHB before it becomes Swansea Bay University Health Board on April 1. He will, however, be staying in post over the next few months until a new chairman is appointed.

He said: "My decision to step down has been influenced by several factors. Being chairman of a health board in Wales is a demanding job, and I have spent nearly 40 years in public life and politics at a fairly senior level."

"The son of a nurse and teacher, public service is in my DNA and blood. However, I am now in my late 60s and I am taken with the words of Welsh poet WH Davies when he said, 'What is this life if, full of care, we have no time to stand and stare'."

"I believe it is time for me to stand and



Andrew Davies, who announced his retirement recently.

while still holding public office.

He added: "I feel I can hand over the reins as I believe this health board is now in a safe and much more stable position than it was when I became chairman, and on an improving trajectory. We effectively have a new board, as strong as any I've seen, with a stable and effective team and a dynamic Chief Executive in Tracy Myhill, who has brought real leadership and grip to the organisation."

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## Porthcawl Rotary Club honours Ken with a fellowship



Club president Denzil Gould presented the award after giving Ken a glowing citation.

THE Rotary Club of Porthcawl and invited guests recently gathered at The Hi-Tide, Porthcawl, to honour their president, Denzil Gould, and to present Rotarian Ken Roberts with his Paul Harris Fellowship.

Rotarian Ken Roberts has been a valued member of Rotary for a quarter of a century and has been president of both Bridgend and Porthcawl Rotary Clubs in that time. For two years he was also the president of a Rotary International Fellowship Group.

He continues to be involved in numerous fundraising events and has contributed to many social and community events. He has also undertaken sterling work as a member of the club's pastoral committee who look after the wellbeing of members who are ill. He remains the club's organiser for district conferences.

The Paul Harris Fellowship award is only given in recognition to people who have done exemplary and outstanding work in support of communities, both at home and abroad.

Well done Ken, a very well-deserved award.

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## It's a double hooder (Robin and Little Red Riding) in the Blaengarw panto



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IT'S panto time quite often in Blaengarw Workmen's Hall, because it's always for a good cause – the village's long-standing support for children affected by the Chernobyl disaster.

The latest offering ran over four nights to packed audiences from March 26 to March 29, and was entitled *Robin's Red Riding Hood*.

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## Family's dog heartbreak

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Spokesperson Rebecca Christine-Lloyds explained: "Homeless people do not have to choose between their pet's welfare and a bed for the night. We have a network of foster carers in and around Bridgend who will offer overnight care to pets in these situations."

"While we are based in Bridgend, and can collect pets in and around this area, we can also offer care to animals in Cardiff and Swansea if the homeless charity providing the accommodation is able to get the animal to us. If they can't, we are happy to put out an appeal for transport on social media and our generous followers often respond very quickly."

"Furthermore, just like food banks, BARC is able to provide free pet food for homeless and low-income families,

thanks to a generous food donation from west Wales pet nutrition experts Burns.

"Pet owners across south Wales are able to ask their local food bank to refer them to us, and we will provide them with free food for their pets."

"The family are completely devastated, having lost their home and now their pet through no fault of their own. "We will do our best to support them – but the saddest thing is that Cole's death could have been prevented had the shelter been aware of our service."

BARC says it would like to see homeless shelters where animals are welcome.

Anyone who wants to contact the charity can reach them via their Facebook page or by telephone on 01656 744085.





# Sunnyside site in Bridgend gets planning green light

**A HOUSING and healthcare development on the site of the old Sunnyside council offices and magistrates' court in Bridgend has been approved, despite concerns over its location, an increase in air pollution and "hopelessly inadequate" parking.**

The development – called the Sunnyside Wellness Village – involves 59 homes and a healthcare centre. It is a collaboration between housing association Linc Cymru and the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University (ABMU) Health Board.

The three-storey health centre involves a GP practice formed by the transfer of services from Ashfield Surgery and Newcastle Surgery, a pharmacy, and a specialist dentist unit for patients who are obese, with phobias or who have additional needs.

It will also incorporate the existing Quarella Road Clinic which provides sexual health services and the Bryntirion Clinic, which provides podiatry and orthotic services.

The plans include a mix of two, three and four-bedroom terrace homes as well as a small terrace of one and two-bedroom bungalows, designed for people with disabilities.

The site also includes a three-storey apartment building with one and two-bedroom flats. Councillors approved the plans at a development control committee meeting on March 28.

But there was strong opposition to the plans from residents living nearby. A petition against the development attracted around 500 signatures. Residents say the roads can't cope with any more traffic or parking, that Park Street is already subject to an air quality management action plan, being the most polluted street in the county, and the three-storey block will dwarf the row of terrace houses on Sunnyside Road.

Bridgend Town Council objected to the plans saying the application was 'deeply flawed', adding it made no geographical sense to amalgamate four well-established surgeries and clinics on a single site.

It highlighted problems with parking and the removal of a considerable number of mature trees and vegetation, saying the site would be ideal for sheltered accommodation complexes and retirement bungalows, being on flat land close to the town centre.

After the planning meeting, ward councillor David White said: "Although residents welcome investment in a modern wellbeing health centre

and there is a recognition of the need for social housing, they are disappointed that their concerns with the infrastructure, lack of parking and pollution failed to bring a decision that they would have liked.

"As the local councillor, I want to assure residents I will work with Linc Housing and the health board to ensure that the commitments they made to address residents' concerns are kept. I will ask planning officers to put in measures so that, when the development is being built, the disruption to the local area will be minimal."

Planning officers say there will be separate access routes to the health centre and the residential area, and that the health centre will provide a modern facility to replace surgeries and clinics serving the town.

They said the original office buildings and magistrates' court did not integrate well with the existing housing either, and there was a clear need for social housing in the area.

Part of the site gained planning consent for the development of an 80-bed care home in 2015 but it was never built, due to the lack of demand for care home provision. Linc Cymru says that depending on what happens with the registrar's office at Ty'r Ardd on the north of the site, it plans to add further housing there.

The council says the registrar's office could be accommodated on the ground floor of the civic offices.

The site provides around 80 residential car parking spaces and 66 car parking

spaces for the healthcare facility. It is proposed that health centre staff will park in the nearby Halo Leisure Centre car park.

The development is due to connect to the Bridgend Town Heat Network, a combined heat and power system being installed at the Halo Leisure Centre which will also serve the civic offices. There are also plans to place solar panels on the health centre and introduce car charging points and battery storage units.

Officers had recommended the plans for approval subject to conditions, improvements and mitigation measures. They include providing a financial contribution of £115k towards the provision of five secondary school places and one post-16 place; a £9,500 contribution to fund legal traffic regulation orders, road markings and signage in the area, and operating the health centre under a travel plan and a parking management plan.

**Liz Bradfield,**  
Local democracy reporter

# Councillors agree new funding model for five primary school building projects

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A BCBC spokesperson said: "This method will mean that the council will need to provide 19 per cent of the construction and maintenance costs via an annual revenue commitment over the 25-year period. The council will also contribute 35 per cent of the funding needed for furniture and equipment."

The other three new schools will be funded using BCBC and Welsh Government capital funding.

Cllr Charles Smith, cabinet member for education and regeneration, said: "We previously discussed the matter of how the next wave of new schools will be funded back in December when cabinet members agreed an alternative method of funding."

"However, last month Welsh Government advised us that the Ministers of Education and Finance had made a change to the intervention rate for Band B Mutual Investment Model schemes. The revised model will benefit from a six per cent increase on the Welsh Government grant intervention rate from 75 per

cent to 81 per cent. Since then we have also received our final local government settlement from Welsh Government, which included additional capital funding.

"Because of this, we have re-calculated the financial impact of the different funding models for the proposed Band B schemes and are pleased to pursue a mixture of capital grant and MIM schemes."

BCBC is planning to build new primary school provision in the north east, south east and west of the county borough, as well as a new 270-place special school which will serve the whole of the county borough.

Cllr Smith added: "We are extremely proud of the schools that have been delivered in recent years and look forward to creating even more first-class learning environments that are fit for the 21st century."

"The locations of the new schools will be based on the increasing demand for places, Welsh language provision, and building conditions. We'll be announcing further developments soon."

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# Sandville Centre wishes Wales' Warren well



**THERE** are plenty of Welsh Rugby fans who will be sorry to see Warren Gatland move on to pastures new when the Rugby World Cup is over.

However, at the Sandville Self-Help Centre in Ton Kenfig, they will be especially sad, as the Welsh rugby coach has visited on a number of occasions – the most recent in October last year.

Sandville manager Gary Griffiths told The GEM: "Warren has taken a great deal of interest in what we do at the Sandville, and has had a complete tour of



the building to see all the facilities.

"Back in October, another Sandville

supporter, Mr David Brace, brought him along, and he was made very welcome."

## 'A sign of our growing confidence as a nation'

**A**LMOST two years after the National Assembly for Wales was founded, Welsh devolution will pass another significant milestone on April 6.

From this Saturday, income tax rates decided in Wales will apply to Wales, affecting around two billion pounds of tax collected here each year. Your income tax rate will remain the same for 2019-20, a decision voted through by the Assembly for the first time in January.

From Saturday, each band of UK Income Tax will reduce by 10p, and Welsh Rates will be set, one for each band, at 10p. This means no change overall, though income tax could be set higher or lower than that of England in future years by setting Welsh rates.

This welcome change brings more accountability to the Welsh

Government by tying the amount of money available in their budget more closely to the performance of the Welsh economy, and the decisions the Welsh Government make.

We don't need to do anything individually, but if you live in Wales, whether or not your place of work is in Wales, you should have received a letter from HMRC with your new tax code, which now begins with a 'C' for Cymru, and may want to check with HMRC that your details are correct if you haven't.

This may seem a technical change, but I think it worth a moment on Saturday to stop and note the very first income tax rates set in Wales in modern times; yet another sign of our growing confidence as a nation.

**Llyr Gruffydd AM,**

**Chair,**

**Finance Committee,**  
**National Assembly for Wales.**

## U3A members 'astonished' by writing skills of local pupils

**IN** March, Porthcawl U3A's writing groups accepted an invitation from Porthcawl Primary to take part in a joint writing project with the school.

Jo Brooks from the writing group said: "The workshop was to encourage children to understand that we, as adults, write because we want to; not because we have to. So writing can be a lifelong pleasure and isn't necessarily about publication and monetary gain.

"Beforehand we, as well as the 37 children, had written stories using the literary device of 'flashback' set by their English teacher. Twenty children were keen to share their stories with us and listened attentively to ours.

"We were astonished at the imagery, use of

language and emotions that some of the children produced. The Q&A session showed interest in why we write, how we plot, where ideas come from and more.

"We thoroughly enjoyed the experience. More importantly, the school considered it a great success and are keen to have more joint projects with U3A.

"Malcolm Cowper also attended the school's Welsh class to talk about why he chooses to learn Welsh through U3A and to explain how important it is to keep it alive. The children he spoke to were 'C'riw Cymraeg', volunteers who promote Welsh learning in the school.

"He was invited back to an eisteddfod celebrating the end of the school's Welsh Week and said that both events were delightful."

## Support for people affected by dementia

**THE** Alzheimer's Society will be holding drop-in sessions in Cowbridge Library on the first Tuesday of each month, 11am-1pm.

Members of the public can come along to find out what support is available if they or a loved one has been diagnosed with dementia.

Dementia advisor Ruth Caddy will be raising awareness of the condition, as well as providing information on volunteering opportunities available

with the Alzheimer's Society.

The first drop-in session will be held in Cowbridge library on Tuesday April 2.

Ruth Caddy said:

"Dementia can have a ripple effect on everyone, not just the person who receives the diagnosis.

"We at the Alzheimer's Society are dedicated to providing support and information to everyone who has been affected by the condition."

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## Bethzienna ready for live final of The Voice UK!

*Lots of people in Wales will be cheering on Bethzienna Williams when she takes part in the final of The Voice UK 2019 this Saturday night.*  
**IMAGE by ITV.**

**B A R R Y ' S**  
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**W i l l i a m s** is in the live final of The Voice UK this Saturday night on ITV.

After a rollercoaster semi-final, she was the first finalist to be announced by the host Emma Willis.

This week, singer-actress Bethzienna (29) told The GEM: "It was amazing to think that the public had voted me through not once but twice! It's an incredible feeling to make the final."

She took part in last Saturday's semi-final after she won the 'lifeline option' voted for by the public. She then went on to sing her heart out performing Grace's 'You Don't Own Me' and then got voted into the final.

She said: "It just goes to show that however many knock-backs you



get, you have to keep giving your best."

The four coaches, Sir Tom Jones, Will.i.am, Jennifer Hudson and Olly Murs, agreed that the standard of the semi-final had been astonishingly high.

Sir Tom Jones is coaching Bethzienna this week in preparation for the final and she added: "It's a great feeling to be working

with him again."

Members of her family, including her parents Katherine and Steven, will be travelling up to support her on the night.

There are four finalists, Bethzienna, Molly Hocking, Deana Walmsley and Jimmy Balito, and the show is live on Saturday at 8.40pm.

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# Llantwit boys' plan to build a 'Tower of Pennies' helped out by Geoff and Jean!

ON April 1, listeners to Bro Radio heard about the Boys' Brigade and how the 2nd Llantwit Major Company are attempting to collect a tower of pennies to reach the top of what will be the tallest building in Wales, currently under construction in Cardiff.

Beside learning about the Boys' Brigade being a worldwide organisation from five to 18 years, Geoff Selby and his listeners heard how the idea for this mammoth fundraising scheme is the brainchild of Roger Lewis.

During an interview on his morning show 'Geoff and Friends', Roger told Geoff that the building will be 132 metres high and so the boys need to

collect 80,000 pennies to reach the top, which will weigh approximately a third of a tonne.

During the interview Roger was presented with a very heavy bag containing several pots of coins collected over the last year by Geoff and his partner, Jean Thomas, who are both Bro Radio volunteers.

This has now been added to the fundraising effort and the officers and boys all send their grateful thanks to Geoff and Jean for this contribution to the fund.

Anyone wishing to support our good cause can do so by contacting any of our Boys' Brigade officers in Llantwit Major, including Debbie (01446 796208). Many thanks to readers who have already responded.

DC



## Barry martial artist receives citizenship award for his work in Bridgend

ON March 22, Barry resident Jeff Copp was awarded with a Mayor's citizenship award for outstanding services to Bridgend county borough.

A highly respected martial artist, Jeff set up Bridgend Warriors Kickboxing Academy 21 years ago in Physiques Gym, Brackla. As the club grew he moved to larger premises, first above Cody's pub and then on to an unused bowling alley above Sax nightclub.

The club's current home is in one of the YMCA buildings on Angel Street. During each move, Jeff put his carpentry and building skills to use, working hard to create a specialist kickboxing space, providing adults and children with the opportunity to practice and progress within the sport.

Barry-born Master Jeff Copp (8th Dan), became interested in fighting as a sport at the age of eight when he boxed with friends in the street and on Barry beach. Jeff joined the Royal Welsh Fusiliers at the age of 18. During his time in the army he developed his interest in boxing, specialising in and eventually teaching unarmed combat and weapons.

It was at this time that he became interested in Tae Kwon Do. During the early 1960s, The Republic of Korea sent the original masters of Tae Kwon Do to introduce the martial art to the wider world.

Jeff was a part of this exciting period and his enthusiasm and dedication for the sport led him to train with some of the most illustrious and influential martial artists of the

time, including Master Rhee Ki Ha, one of the original masters.

Jeff also trained and graded with Master Ted Hopwood, a student of Rhee Ki Ha and Master Hee il Cho, a prominent Korean-American Master of Tae Kwon Do. Jeff's sixth degree was by invitation from Master Karel Van Orsouw, a student of the original masters.

In 2001, Jeff founded WKU (Welsh Kickboxing Union), his aim being to unite Welsh Kickboxing clubs and to create the biggest and fairest association in the UK. Currently there are 21 clubs in the association with more joining year on year.

Jeff has trained and coached several world and hundreds of national champions over the years. Many of his students have gone on to open and run their own successful clubs.

In 2017, Jeff's continued contribution to the advancement of Kickboxing in the UK was recognised by WUMA (World United Martial Arts Federation) when he was inaugurated into the prestigious UK Hall of Fame. Last year he was awarded his 8th degree, also from the WUMA committee.

At the age of 74, Jeff continues to drive back and forth from Barry to help and encourage Bridgend Warrior's Academy students. All his students, family and friends are extremely proud of his achievements and are delighted that his dedication, hard work and commitment has been recognised and rewarded.

## Coastguard team repeat warning about 'cold water shock'



Emergency services attended an incident at Barry docks last week in which a kayaker got into serious difficulties because of the cold water.

**B A R R Y** Coastguard were called to the docks three times last week – and in one incident rescued a kayaker.

A spokesman said: "At 6.33pm on Wednesday, our team were called to a person in the old docks at the Waterfront. Two young people were kayaking and fell into the water. The second more experienced person went

to the rescue but then due to the cold water, also got into trouble."

Coastguard teams, the police, fire service and ambulance service attended the incident and both people were returned safely to dry land.

A Barry Coastguard spokesman warned: "Although the sun was out, the water was still very cold and below 10 degrees. This can cause cold water shock, even to the most experienced people."

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## Vale Council confirms its choice of link road route

A CONTROVERSIAL new road to link the A48 with the M4 is needed to help end 'gridlock' in the Vale of Glamorgan, the county's regeneration chief has said.

The Vale Council has indicated a preferred route for the link road, which would link junction 34 of the M4 with the A48 south of Sycamore Cross. The council now prefers the route which would go to the west of the village of Pendoylan – rather than to the east as previously considered.

The scheme would also include a new railway station and Park and Ride near junction 34 of the M4 to link the motorway to Cardiff Airport. The council's ruling body on April 1 agreed to further

studies on the proposed scheme and to take the findings forward to a full business case.

Cllr Jonathan Bird, cabinet member for regeneration and planning, told the meeting: "We're becoming gridlocked certainly in the western part of the Vale. I'm very keen to see this come further forward otherwise the Vale is going to grind to a halt."

Campaigners say villagers have been left in limbo by the plans because as many as nine families in Pendoylan could be forced to leave their homes as part of the plans.

The council says 'no firm decision' has been made to build a new road.

**Matt Discombe,**  
Local democracy reporter

## Tractor run raises £4,000



A VERY successful Tractor Run was held last September in memory of Nick Jones and Lizzy Edwards, to raise funds for the Nick Jones Trust Fund and the Marie Curie Hospice.

Last weekend a sum of £4,000 was donated to Marie Curie. The organisers would like to thank everyone for their support and generosity.

A Tractor Run will be held this year on Sunday, September 22 to support local charities.

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## Cowbridge MVC end March on a high note!

**COWBRIDGE** Male Voice Choir (CMVC) ended a busy March with two concerts on Thursday when they sang at The Vale Hotel.

The choir provided the pre-dinner entertainment for the Oral Maxillo-facial Surgeons' Dinner. They sang from their current repertoire which was well received.

Following this, the choir sang at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, in a concert with RAF Brize Norton Military Wives' Choir; the concert also featured Rhianna Hogg, who has again won her age group in the Music in the Vale competition.

The concert was a great success and the audience enjoyed both choirs' offerings.

The Military Wives, despite being down on numbers due to illness (and postings!) showed their talents with a varied programme, including standard military wives' choir numbers.

Cowbridge again sang from their repertoire with the audience especially appreciating

'National Glory' which is arranged by their musical director Rhiannon Williams.

However, possibly the star of the evening was Rhianna Hogg who again showed what an outstanding talent she is. For someone of such a tender age she has an outstanding voice.

CMVC's next concert will be at The Place for Homes on April 11. The concert will start at 7pm.

The concert is in aid of Chrohn's and Colitis UK. Tickets are £7.50 (including light refreshment) and are available from The Place for Homes (01446 772927) or from any choir member.

The evening will start from 6.30pm so come along and not only enjoy the choir, but you can also look around the store and shop! In addition there is a raffle with loads of prizes, including a Mustard Sahara rug; also prizes from Tempura and many more.

Cowbridge Male Voice Choir are sponsored by The Place for Homes, Llandow.

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# Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg pupil has been selected for Welsh debating team

**YSGOL Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg year-12 pupil Huw Jones has been selected to represent Wales in the Welsh debating team.**

In July, Huw will be part of a team of five who will travel to Chennai in India for a three-day pre-tournament against 16 other national teams. The team will then move on to Colombo in Sri Lanka to compete in the World Schools Debating Championship. This year there are expected to be in excess of 70 national teams taking part. Huw and his team mates have been busy training for the competition with their coach and European Debating Champion Lucia Arce. A combination



of weekend coaching sessions and training competitions at Bristol University and LSE have prepared the team for this exciting event. Huw is no stranger to competitive debating as he was a member of team Wales last year,

where the competition was held in Croatia. He said: "I think the best thing for me last year was to meet likeminded people from all over the world. The experience gave me the opportunity to make lots of new international friends and I am very excited about representing Wales again this year."

Miss Catrin Bennett, deputy headteacher said: "YGBM is very proud of Huw. He has had national success in public speaking competitions and is now carrying on this success to the debating arena. Da iawn a pob lwc."

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# Key council 'parking charges' meeting takes place today

**MEMBERS of the public concerned by proposed new car parking charges in the area will be attending a Vale Council scrutiny committee meeting today (Thursday, April 4).**

Among those hoping to speak is Louis Ross, a trader on Barry Island, who started an online petition opposing proposed 'on street charges' after just one free hour.

He said: "At a minimum we are asking for two hours free 'on street parking', free parking 'on street' during the winter and reduced winter rates for the main car parks."

The environment and regeneration committee meeting starts today at 4.30pm and parking issues will be dealt with from 6pm onwards. The GEM understands that a number of local traders and members of

the public want to speak.

The council is Conservative-run, but the local MP Alun Cairns, also a Conservative, said he is against further charges.

He campaigned against Labour's parking proposals four years ago and says the case against parking charges remains the same.

He said: "Parking charges are not the right way forward to raise revenue for the local authority, although I fully appreciate the difficult situation the council finds itself in, given their poor funding from the Welsh Labour Government which doesn't compare to the generous funding received by our neighbours in RCT, Bridgend and Cardiff."

"We're fortunate in the Vale to have excellent independent traders in Cowbridge, Barry and Llantwit Major that make a fantastic contribution to our local

economy, attracting people to the area and creating jobs.

"However, they will suffer most from parking charges. They are already competing with the internet and out of town shopping. If people are charged to park when supporting local business, they will be forced elsewhere."

"I'm also worried about the impact on Barry Island, which has been thriving in recent years. I will continue to strongly argue the case that these proposals should be scrapped. If any charges are to be enforced, they need to be proven to serve a specific purpose of encouraging turnover for local businesses."

The Vale Council has argued it has to introduce charges to fund vital services and pay for the upkeep of local car parks.

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# Council approves new grass cutting contract

**THE Vale Council has agreed a flexible grass cutting contract with Countrywide Grounds Maintenance Ltd, aiming to reduce its costs over the next few years.**

A council spokesperson said that the deal also allows the number of cuts to be reduced in future years, so can be tailored to reflect budget challenges.

Grass cutting of verges and small areas of open land will take place nine times this year, with the council saving £100,000 on last year's costs, when grass was cut using agency staff.

The new contract began last week, with grass cutting in areas such as parks, sports fields and schools continuing to be undertaken by council staff on a more frequent, 10-day cycle.

Miles Punter, the Vale Council director for environment and housing services, said: "At a time of decreasing budgets and increased financial

pressures, we must be especially prudent in our approach to providing non-statutory council services.

Through a successful external procurement process, we have managed to maintain the urban grass cutting service at a level similar to that of last year.

"However, with increasing demands for the council's statutory services such as education, social care and highways, continuing to deliver non-statutory services like grass cutting, to the standards that the public expect, is becoming more and more difficult. This contract recognises that and allows cutting frequencies to be reduced in future years to reflect budget demands."

"We will be engaging with town and community councils and relevant local community groups between now and the 2020/21 grass cutting season to establish what scope there is for them to support grass cutting services in their areas going forward."

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# Vale Council steps in to fund local bus service

**THE 95A Cardiff Bus service from Cardiff to Penarth began on Monday, April 1, replacing the previous 95A and 95B bus services.**

Financial support has been provided by the Vale Council to Cardiff Bus to ensure that the link between Penarth and Llandough Hospital is still available to passengers.

Cllr John Thomas, Leader of the Vale Council, said: "Good bus services are vital to many people's lives, offering a convenient and safe way to travel at a reasonable cost. This service in particular provided a much-valued link between Penarth and Llandough Hospital and thanks to financial support provided by the council, this link will continue to operate for the next 12 months at least."

"Following the withdrawal by Cardiff Bus of commercial bus service X91 from Llantwit Major to Cardiff via St Athan, Rhose and north Barry,

the council is also in discussion with a number of bus operators to see what the options are for a fast bus service or bus service link from Llantwit Major, St Athan and Rhose to Cardiff."

"While these discussions are ongoing, residents of Llantwit Major, St Athan and Rhose can use bus service 303/304, operated by New Adventure Travel, or either of the train stations at Llantwit Major and Rhose."

A council spokesperson added: "The new 95A service connects Redlands Road and Llandough Hospital using the same route as its predecessor, but will no longer serve the Cowslip and Cogan, due to timing issues. Both of these areas are, however, served by another council-supported bus service, the 89."

Full route details for Cardiff Bus services are available at [www.cardiffbus.com](http://www.cardiffbus.com). New Adventure Travel Bus Services are available at [www.natgroup.co.uk/bus-services](http://www.natgroup.co.uk/bus-services)

# Market towns and mountains for ramblers

**RACHEL from Penarth and District Ramblers played host to a group of 17 walkers when they met at the pretty market town of Wotton-under-Edge, renowned for the part it played in the woollen industry.**

Heading along the bustling high street to view the Perry and Dawes Almshouses and small chapel erected in 1638, their next port of call was the 13th century St Mary the Virgin Church, then on past the delightful and well-kept Bear Packers Almshouses to join a footpath beside a stream.

Entering part of the Ozleworth estate they made towards St Nicholas of Myra Church, surrounded by neat drystone walls. A descent past the manor house and lake brought them up through fields and woodland, festooned with early spring flowers, to Tresham for lunch in the Millennium Garden beside an old well for lunch.

Descending gradually through a stunning valley led them to Alderley and the church dedicated to St Kenelm alongside Alderley House, for many years the home of the Hale family. Walking along the road, they turned into fields containing ewes and lambs, donkeys and alpacas, through the Nind Nature Reserve and more fields with plenty of mud, to pass Leys Farm for the return via Brown's Piece back into Wotton.

In contrast, the following day Robin and Pepper were joined by 13 walkers for a mountain walk beginning from near Craig y Nos Country Park in the Brecon Beacons National Park.

The sunny weather

was a real bonus as they began with a stiff climb to Cribarth, also known as the 'Sleeping Giant' and having reached the ridge, they paused for morning break while gazing at the surrounding clear views beneath a blue sky.

Many quarries desecrated the mountainside in the search for limestone and silica to feed the iron, copper and tin industries and these minerals were conveyed by tramroad and rail and canal to Swansea.

After following the ridge, they descended past twisted trees and a stream to Abercraf, anglicised from the Welsh 'Abercraf', before climbing the Llech Gorge to stop for lunch. Continuing the climb, they arrived at Henrhyd waterfall, which plunges 90 feet into the valley and can be walked behind, giving a fine opportunity for a photograph.

Crossing a footbridge, they made their way through the packed car park to descend through fields into the Tawe valley and back through Craig y Nos Country Park, once the home of Adelina Patti, the famous opera singer.

On April 6, meet at Penarth Railway Station to catch the 8.47am train via Cardiff to Bargoed for an 11-mile moderate walk taking in Tredegar and the Sirhowy Valley; contact John R on 07484 844 533.

On April 10, meet at Penarth Railway Station to catch the 8.47am train to Port Talbot (via Cardiff) for the 11-mile linear walk back to Porthcawl to return by bus and/or train; contact Terry on 07591 188 029.

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# Call for heart screening for young people

ON April 2, the National Assembly's Petitions Committee considered a petition signed by 3,444 people calling on Welsh Government to make heart screening available to all young people between the ages of 10 and 35.

The call came following a number of recent tragic incidents of young people dying due to undiagnosed heart conditions.

Ben McDonald, from the Vale, suffered a cardiac arrest as he crossed the finish line of the Cardiff Half Marathon last year and shortly after passed away. Campaigners say that heart conditions like Ben's could have been picked up before it was too late if screening had been available.

Sharon Owen from the charity Welsh Hearts said: "If screening was made available to all young people across Wales, then those people at risk could get the medical support and help they need.

"At the moment, most people who are at risk do not even know they have a heart condition so cannot take the required action or consider whether there may be any inherited issues for the rest of their family to consider.

"We take it for granted that all young people have their eyes tested and we get regular check ups at the dentist, but there is nothing available to make sure we have healthy hearts."

At a recent Welsh Hearts screening event at the Principality Stadium, three people were found to have serious heart conditions from the 104 people tested.

"These people were going about their daily lives without them or their families having any knowledge that they could be at risk," added Ms Owen.

Ben's family said: "On October 7, 2018, our world was completely turned upside down when our brother, Ben McDonald, died at the finish line of the Cardiff Half Marathon. He was 25 years old, fit and healthy, and his death has left our family shattered. If you didn't know Ben, then you need to know he was amazing.

"He was funny, generous, caring, effortlessly cool, adventurous and always smiling, an incredible son, brother, uncle grandson and friend. If you didn't have the chance to meet him then you missed out on someone really special. Ben was always great at pulling people together, organising social events, hosting barbecues and pizza nights at our family home, gorge walking or off on impromptu camping trips. He made good solid



Suzi Davies AM (right) with Sharon Owen from Welsh Hearts (left) and Ben McDonald's brother and sister (centre), hand in the petition at the Welsh Assembly.

friends wherever he went.

"So, in honour of him, and because of who he was, we want to keep that connection with people going. We are going to celebrate Ben's birthday in the way that he would: surrounded by people and trying to focus on the positive.

"We have chosen to support the work of Welsh Hearts because we believe in the work that they are doing to install defibrillators across Wales and to offer heart screening.

"Ben was also so proud to be Welsh! We don't know if screening would have helped Ben, and unfortunately on the day, the defibrillator wasn't able to save his life, but at least we know that he was given that chance. We believe that everyone should be given the same chance if they find themselves, or a loved one in a similar situation."

The petition followed a Statement of Opinion submitted by Assembly Member Suzi Davies.

Mrs Davies' Statement in October 2018, which recognised "the importance of early diagnosis of heart conditions in reducing the number of deaths each year" and which called on Welsh Government "to explore the rolling out of a screening initiative to all young people in Wales," was supported by 12 AMs from different parties.

## Lara loves fuss!



**LARA is a sweet nine-year-old Staffordshire Bull Terrier who loves fuss and attention.**

She has a zest for life and happily runs around the field eager for you to play with her. She adores her walks, especially where there are lots of spots to sniff; however, she will need to be walked in less dog populated areas due to her lack of socialisation around other dogs.

Lara is looking for an adult only home where she will be the only pet,

and with owners who are around during the day as she loves having human company and cuddles. Training and behaviour advisor Kim says: "Lara is a bundle of joy and will soon become your best friend."

Can you offer a space on your sofa for Lara? To find out more Lara, contact Dogs Trust Bridgend on 01656 725219; or visit the rehoming centre in Bridgend, CF31 4NG. You can also visit the website at [www.dogstrust.org.uk](http://www.dogstrust.org.uk).

## Vale AM Jane Hutt celebrates local charity's Lottery grant

Jane with coordinator Liz Davidson and trustees Jan Evans, Kurtis Marshall, and Kelly-Ann Rideout.

ON March 20, Vale AM Jane Hutt joined trustees of Vale People First to hear about the £45,600 grant they have been awarded from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The grant has been awarded for their 'Dejavu in the Vale - Young People Unearthing their Heritage' project.

Jane Hutt said: "I was delighted with the news of a £45,600 Heritage Lottery Grant awarded to the pioneering local charity Vale People First."



## Mothering Sunday in Colwinston

A PACKED congregation celebrated Mothering Sunday in St Michael's Church, Colwinston.

Rev Alan Kettle conducted the service and the children's choir, age range 3 to 11, sang beautifully.

Bible readings and poems about mothers were read by Rhian Cleaver, Huw Thomas and Will Cleaver and the prayers were led by Molly, Izak and Ruori. Posies of spring flowers, made by the ladies of the village, were given to all the mothers and the children all hung thank you cards on a decorative tree.

**Extend classes**  
AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, run an Extend class designed for the over-50s and anyone with a disability.

Classes are gentle, relaxed and friendly, with mostly seated exercises. Run by a qualified Extend teacher, they are held on Wednesdays from 9.30am to 10.30am and cost £2.50 with the first lesson free. Contact 01446 732385 for further information, or just come along to the class.

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## Our Young People provide hope and inspiration

**O**VER the past few weeks, I have been encouraged and inspired by young people.

I am responsible in the Welsh Government for the pioneering Well-Being of Future Generations Act 2015 which calls on us to test everything we do to build a more prosperous, resilient, cohesive, healthier, globally responsible and equal Wales for our young people's future.

It is clear that young people are willing and keen to play their part in making this happen, as I found at my annual spring breakfast during 'Fairtrade Fortnight' with representatives of the Vale Youth Forum and Cadroxton Primary School showing the way forward with ideas for practical action to respond to the call to understand that our chocolate comes from cocoa grown by women in West Africa living in poverty.

The Vale Youth Forum came up with the suggestion that we should have a campaign for shops to sell Fairtrade Easter eggs to make a stand for the cocoa farmers in Africa.

I was inspired by my visit to Whitmore High School to meet

members of year-7 who talked enthusiastically about their first year in their new school and gave me a conducted tour with their headteacher, Andrew Thompson.

They were interested in everything from science and maths to drama and sport, clearly caring about each other, their school and their town.

It was good to see the plans for the new school financed by the Welsh Government and Vale Council which will be built over the next two years and an extra benefit to their education. Year 7 were ready to share their views on the exciting plans for the new school buildings.

Attending the Bro Radio Community Awards for their 10th anniversary was a great occasion and the first winner was six-year-old Harrison Baker for his voluntary work with the Cadroxton Conservation Group where he takes part in litter collection sessions, inspiring his friends as well as adults in the community to conserve and care for the environment.

First Minister Mark Drakeford launched the plan 'Prosperity for All: A Low Carbon Wales' last month with 100 priorities and policies to reduce our greenhouse



Vale AM  
**JANE HUTT**  
reports to  
GEM readers

gas emissions by at least 80 per cent by 2050.

When he launched the plan he said: "Every generation should harness the passion that young activists and campaigners have shown towards climate change."

One priority includes growing fruit and fuel trees for the entire Mount Elgon region in Uganda by 2030. All parents with newborn babies in Wales now receive a certificate telling them where a tree will be planted for their baby in Wales and in Uganda, making a real impact on tackling climate change.

We held 'Sanctuary in the Senedd' this week bringing together

refugees and Assembly Members to learn about each other and understand the needs of those we welcome to Wales.

In these days of uncertainty and anxiety, the need to reach out to each other is strong and I witnessed this at the Inter Faith Dinner organised by the Muslim Council for Wales at St Fagans last week where Dr Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Wales and Canterbury, spoke powerfully about the need to 'recognise each other' for the sake of humanity and peace.

St Donat's Choral will be performing Karl Jenkins 'Mass for Peace' on Saturday, April 6 at 7.30pm at All Saints' Church in Park Road Barry.

Finally, I would like to praise Bro Radio for honouring the memory of the late Cath Rowlands (Watkins) BEM at their award ceremony last week as Cath reached out to hundreds of children in the Rhoose community through her homework club which provides a model for initiatives of this kind making a real difference to children's lives.

## Llandough affordable housing scheme gets planning green light

**AN affordable housing plan has been approved despite local opposition.**

A development of 40 affordable homes has been approved for land north of Leckwith Road in Llandough.

The one and two-bed flats, developed by the Jchu Group and Hafod Housing Association, would be built in three blocks with a single access point off Leckwith Road and 37 parking spaces.

Nearby residents had objected to the plans and said the site would be overdeveloped, there

were not enough parking spaces, and they also raised environmental and drainage concerns. The council received around 100 letters objecting to the scheme.

But the Vale Council's planning committee approved the plans on March 28 – 14 councillors voted in favour and two abstained.

Llandough Community Council told the Vale Council that the plans were a "complete overdevelopment of the site".

"There are no facilities in Llandough such as shops, doctors, school places," a statement said.

"There is inadequate parking allowed for, it is essential to have a car if you live in Llandough.

"The proposed development is not in keeping with surrounding properties, the original local development plan was for eight houses which is more in keeping with the site, as well as requiring less car parking."

The Vale Council's ecology officer had originally objected to the scheme due to the loss of habitat on the land and the loss of trees, but withdrew the objection after the developer provided more information.

In a statement to the council, the developer

said the scheme would "contribute significantly to the provision of affordable housing in the area".

The statement said: "(The development) is located within a sustainable location – within close proximity to a range of services and facilities accessible on foot, public transport, or by car.

"(It's) of a high-quality design and the proposed 'town house' design respects the surrounding built form and residential amenity. (It) represents a highly sustainable form of development by ensuring that the most efficient use is made of the site.

"The proposed development aims to make the most efficient use of the site, while creating a high-quality living environment."

**Matt Discombe**  
Local democracy  
reporter



## Hospice opens its doors with new café to help bust myths

**A TERMINAL illness charity is attempting to bust the myths of hospice, by opening its doors to the public with a new café.**

The Marie Curie Café at the charity's Cardiff and the Vale Hospice in Penarth was officially opened by actress Suzanne Packer, who is soon to appear in series two of *Keeping Faith*.

The Marie Curie Café, situated in the basement of the hospice, has opened its doors not only to staff, patients and families – but will also be open to members of the public who may be walking past in the nearby Windsor Gardens and fancy popping in for a coffee and a cake.

The UK's leading terminal illness charity provides round-the-clock expert care and support to people living with a terminal illness and their families at the Bridgeman Road Hospice. Marie Curie also provides support to people in their own homes and its Information and Support Line now also features clinical nurse specialists who are available for any clinical support needed.

The work to create the new café

has been funded by the Hodge Foundation, which also supported the refurbishment of the hospice's Day Therapy and Outpatients Unit in 2016.

At the opening, the hospice's catering team provided Welsh cakes, tea and coffee with staff, volunteers and patients joining Suzanne and the Hodge Foundation.

Further works at the hospice, funded by a Legacy gift from the estate of Mrs Seaward, have included the installation of a spa bathroom on both inpatient units. There has also been further maintenance work carried out alongside the bathroom and café works.

Sarah Lloyd-Davies, hospice manager, said: "We are so grateful to the Hodge Foundation for once again supporting vital work.

"We want people to understand more about the work we do here, and are excited to open our café doors and encourage people to come in and have conversations with us about end of life care.

"Thanks also to the estate of Mrs Seaward for allowing us to create two relaxing and calming spa bathrooms for patients, which help elevate the service we can

provide at the hospice."

Ian Spence, who has been volunteering on reception for 11 years, is now also spending some hours helping in the café. He said: "It makes me feel good about myself. I get to give something back to the community, or rather put something into it. The hospice is such a warm place to come to and the staff are all fantastic at making everyone feel welcome."

Suzanne Packer, who has previously visited the hospice with brother and Olympian Colin Jackson, said: "It's been a pleasure to officially open the new Marie Curie Café at the charity's Cardiff and the Vale Hospice in Penarth. Meeting the staff, volunteers and families and hearing stories about the care provided here for people living with a terminal illness has been inspiring."

The Marie Curie café is currently open from 9.30am to 1pm Monday to Friday, with plans to expand hours with trained volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, contact the hospice on 029 2042 6000 or visit [www.mariecurie.org.uk/volunteering](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/volunteering).

## The big Barnardo's bike ride is back – and now it's for the whole family

**The big On Your Bike for Barnardo's charity cycle ride returns this spring and this time there will be an extra event just for families.**

In addition to the usual 35-mile route through the Vale, there will be a six-mile family ride around Cardiff Bay for the first time, so that everyone can join in the fun.

Both rides take place on Sunday, May 12, and money raised will go towards helping some of the most vulnerable children, young people and families in Wales.

Susie Bailey, events manager with Barnardo's Cymru, said: "We want to give everyone chance to get involved so in addition to the more challenging 35-miler for adults and young people aged 14 and over, we have decided to organise a six-mile pedal for families – and the adults get to ride free.

"We hope it will be a really fun occasion for everyone. There will be medals and an after-ride party for everyone and those taking part in the senior

event will also receive technical T-shirts.

"We are very proud of On Your Bike's history. It began in 1982 when Commonwealth Games cyclist Reg Braddick and South Wales Echo editor Geoff Rich teamed up and it has raised almost £600,000 in that time."

Both rides will start from the Viola Arena, Cardiff Bay and end with a party.

Riders who sign up for the event will receive regular emails with training and fundraising tips and a briefing pack. The route will be fully signed with marshals, first aiders, water and snack stops.

It costs £20 to register for the senior event with a sponsorship target of £50. The registration fee for the family ride is £10 for one child, £15 for two and adults ride free. You can get 10 per cent off by using the code EarlyBird until March 31.

Register at: [www.barnardos.org.uk/south-wales-bike-ride](http://www.barnardos.org.uk/south-wales-bike-ride) or call 029 2049 3387.

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## X91 service will return

**THE X91 bus service from Llantwit Major to Cardiff ended on Saturday, but will resume at a future date.**

The service had been run as a commercial operation by Cardiff Bus and ran originally every two hours. It was then reduced to a journey out from Llantwit in the morning and one back from Cardiff in the evening.

Councillors urged the Vale Council to support the service and it has gone out to tender. It will be resumed once the tender process has been completed.

Emma Reed of the Vale Council

said: "Following the Cardiff Bus decision to withdraw the X91 service, officers are in discussions with a number of bus operators to explore options for a fast bus service or bus service link from Llantwit Major, St Athan and Rhoose to Cardiff."

"While these discussions are ongoing, residents of Llantwit Major, St Athan and Rhoose can use bus service 303/304 operated by New Adventure Travel or either of the train stations at Llantwit Major and Rhoose to travel to Cardiff."

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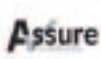
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# The Bro Radio Community Awards – Winners are revealed as Catherine Watkins is recognised and remembered



*Rachel Degaetano was awarded the Triumph Over Adversity award.*

**CATHERINE Watkins, a woman who put the needs of her community before herself, was remembered with a Special Recognition Award at Bro Radio's inaugural Community Awards, sponsored by Wessex Garages Nissan.**

The event, which took place on Saturday recognised outstanding individuals in the third sector, business, sport and the local community at a black tie event to celebrate 10 years of Bro Radio.

During the nomination process, the station heard many personal stories about the work of Cath and after hearing that she had passed away in December following a battle with cancer, the station felt it was right to recognise her commitment to the local community.

She created the Vale Homework Support Club over seven years ago and spent hours and hours preparing work.

Support was also offered to parents using the club, and they were encouraged to understand the children's homework. Parents became friends and the children were enthusiastic to attend the homework club and see their Auntie Cath.

During the awards evening Cath's sister Helen Lynch and son James Watkins thanked the community for all the support that they had given the family and for the many nominations that Cath received.

During the evening Bro Radio's managing director Clive Silver said: "It's been amazing to hear inspirational stories from local people that make the Vale such a special place."

"I'd like to personally thank our volunteers

and staff for their hard work putting this event together, our sponsors and the support of local businesses including 4th Horseshoe Group, Hev's Creations, Kevin Moore Photography and Griffiths Civil Engineering and Construction."

**The winners: Young Person of the Year (sponsored by Fun Harbour)**

Harrison Baker is six years old and has been involved with the Cadroxton Conservation Group for the past two years, where he takes part in litter collection sessions. Harrison puts on his yellow safety jacket and gloves and walks around the area picking up litter with enthusiasm.

Every year the group holds a fete to raise money to purchase equipment for other children to take part. Harrison is always up at 8am to help set up and stays to help clear up until as late as 8pm. He knows how important it is to keep our town tidy.

**Volunteer of the Year sponsored by GVS**

Janet Rees created a group called Cwtch Cymru for those suffering with depression and anxiety. The group welcomes everyone, making them feel comfortable to be open with their feelings.

Janet is always looking for ways to promote Cwtch Cymru to ensure the service is available for those who need it. Last September Janet started a second group which runs in the evening, for those who could not make the morning group.

Janet is passionate about mental health and has set up awareness days. She is a role model to others within the community, despite having been through her own difficult times.

**Teacher of the Year sponsored by West**

**Quay Estates**

Sarah Morris is a learning support assistant at Gwenfo Church in Wales Primary School and has been described by one of her colleagues as being inspirational and instinctive.

Sarah works 1:1 with a pupil who is a bilateral amputee. With Sarah's help, the pupil has gone from being shy and reluctant to take his prosthetic legs to school, to walking up and down the main corridor chatting to everyone.

Sarah has a super relationship with him, his family and the class teacher. The school's headteacher has said: "Sarah knows when to take a step back, but is always one step ahead".

**Charity of the Year sponsored by McDonalds, Barry**

Vale Plus is a charity based in Barry and Llantwit Major which was established in 2001 to provide education opportunities for people with learning disabilities after they had left full time education. The charity currently has over 70 members who attend its centres, shop or Café No 5 on High Street, Barry.

The charity aims to help members gain skills, improve their self-worth and provide a path to a better quality of life through learning. Of the hundreds of people who have passed through the doors, nearly all have gained qualifications in courses provided by nationally recognised educational providers.

Vale Plus recently gained Centre of Excellence status from ASDAN and also gained PQASSO level 1 recognition of good practice in the third sector and one of the first in the Vale to do so.

**Community Event of**



*Chloe McBratney receives her award.*

**the Year sponsored by Barry Round Table**

The Barry Island Santa Fun run started in 2016 as part of the Barry Town Council Mayoral programme of events.

That year over 400 people took part, and it has now doubled in size. For a small entry fee, adults receive a Santa suit and take part in a short 2k run with children and even dogs taking part.

The event brings the community together for a morning of fun while promoting the council, local initiatives and the fantastic natural resources that Barry has to offer, with people traveling from all over south Wales to take part.

The event is now a fixture of Barry's Christmas calendar. To date, the Santa Fun Run has raised over £3,000 for various charities and this year brought around 1,200 people to Barry Island.

**Sports Star of the year sponsored by Criad Café Bar**

Josh Cook is a member of YMCA Barry Gymnastics Club and has this year become the Welsh Senior Men's All-Around Champion.

Josh also performed at the British championships where he was placed fifth overall against the best gymnasts in the UK in his age



*Barry Town Council received an award for the Santa Fun Run.*



*Six-year-old Harrison Baker was the Young Person of the Year.*



*High Street Traders received the Making A Difference Through Business award.*



*Nicky Vickery received Bro Radio's Good Egg award.*

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# Bro Radio Community Awards celebrate the best of the Vale



Vale Plus receive their award.



Members of Cath Watkins' family receive the Special Recognition award.



Sarah Morris was Teacher of the Year.



Josh Cook (right) took the Sports Star of the Year award.



Janet Rees of Cwtch Cymru (holding award) with friends.

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Recently diagnosed macular hypoplasia means Chloe is now being registered blind, and is awaiting a guide dog. She started playing football aged five, along with various other sports including basketball, in which she excelled. She joined the Welsh team and the under-16 Wales squad and returned from Gibraltar with five caps – competing in an abled bodied team.

Chloe took the Vale of Glamorgan 'coaches of the future' program and volunteers as a coach with Barry Town Pan Disability. She has obtained her C Licence for Goalkeeping and is currently undertaking her B Licence. Chloe has achieved a triple distinction star on the Cardiff City football education programme, and graduated from university with a degree in sports coaching science. Making a Difference Through Business sponsored by Glamorgan GEM

The High Street Traders Association is a group of business owners from the High Street Shopping Quarter who organise a series of events that don't

just benefit themselves and the shopping area, but the community. The street was recently announced as one of the top independent shopping areas in the United Kingdom and is a keen supporter of Barry Town Council's Shop Local campaign.

In 2018 the group organised events including an Easter Bonnet Parade, Summer Fete and Christmas Light switch on. All were free of charge and attended by many from Barry and the wider community. Members of The High Street Traders give their own time to organise and attend events despite running their own businesses.

## Triumph over Adversity sponsored by Vale of Glamorgan Council

Rachel Degaetano lost her son Chae to suicide in 2015 at the age of just 21. Since his death, Rachel has worked tirelessly to raise money and awareness of mental health in Barry and the Vale.

Along with family and friends, Rachel has set up the charity Gobaith and has raised money through charity runs, pub quizzes and mountain walks. The

aim of Gobaith, which is Welsh for Hope, was to set up a centre that opens its doors and offers a welcome and safe environment to anyone who needs it. They have now achieved this and the new centre, based in The Coach House on Holton Road, Barry, has opened its doors.

Rachel has achieved this as well as taking care of her family and working full time as a mental health support worker. She continues to support the people of Barry and to let them know that "it's ok not to be ok".

Bro Radio's Good Egg

## Award, sponsored by HRA Accounting

Not only the volunteer garden manager at Gibby Green Fingers, Nicky also runs her own garden maintenance business. She helps young children on the Gibbonsdown estate earn time credits through regular litter picking sessions.

Nicky has worked hard promoting the community garden based next to Pencoedre Park alongside the community investment team at the Vale Council to promote the time credits project and has been on a number of timebanking

reward trips.

It can be challenging finding opportunities for people with learning difficulties and Nicky has helped several to gain work experience at Gibby Green Fingers. Nicky is described as one of a kind, the old school community champion who everyone knows of. Nicky is always organising fundraising events and is a parent governor at Oakfield Primary School where she gets stuck into helping with events and organising activities.

# Council picks its 'preferred route' for new M4-A48 link road but local residents say they are 'in limbo'

**PLANS for a new transport link between the M4 and the A48 could take a step forward as the council has identified its preferred route for the major new road.**

The Vale Council says its favoured option for the road – which would connect junction 34 of the M4 with the A48 south of Sycamore Cross – would stretch to the west of the village of Pendoylan rather than to the east.

The council is also expected to press the case for a new railway station and a Park and Ride near junction 34 which would link to Cardiff Airport.

Both options would be developed in a full business case to Welsh Government if the council's ruling body approves.

The council had been considering the option of a road to the east of Pendoylan, but this was deemed too expensive, as sections of the road would need to be elevated over a flood plain.

But villagers say they've been left in limbo by plans to for the new road.

Nine families – 10 per cent of the village of Pendoylan – would be forced to leave their homes if the road plans go ahead.

Campaigners say families are living daily with the anxiety and are unable to move on and sell their homes as the proposed new road is frightening potential buyers away.

They say one elderly resident of Pendoylan, now living in a residential home, is unable to sell her house to pay for the care she needs as her property will be demolished to make way for the new road if the council's plans proceed.

Campaign group Vale Communities For Future Generations (VCFG) says residents in Pendoylan and Peterston-super-Ely could also be blighted by the air pollution and noise from HGVs if the road is built.

The council says "no firm decision" has been made to build a new road.

Martin Lloyd, an Ely valley village resident said: "The routing of this road proposal through the Ely Valley is very strange when there are clearly options less damaging to residents and families in the villages, the physical infrastructure, the environment and to a conservation valley."

"The fact is that homes in and around Pendoylan are now blighted,

leaving older people unable to sell up. They are struggling to remain independent in houses they are becoming too frail to maintain.

"Obviously compensation will be sought but as the road plans will no doubt be challenged all the way to a judicial review their situation will not be eased any time soon."

The Vale Council's cabinet will consider a report on Monday, April 1 which recommends asking the Welsh Government for money to draw up a full business case for the transport scheme after further studies are completed.

The report says: 'A strategic highway link between the M4 Junction 34 and the A48 offers potentially substantial benefits in terms of connectivity and appears to represent value for money.'

'The provision of a Parkway Station could bring substantial travel benefits at a regional scale. However, it would require a highway link in order to facilitate access to the station from the Vale of Glamorgan.'

'Without the highway link, the Parkway Station may offer benefits, but these would be focused on the M4 corridor and communities to the north, rather than offering improved connectivity for the Vale.'

'Without an intervention, traffic conditions on the corridor are expected to worsen with a significant increase in traffic forecast on both the strategic and local road network.'

A consultation responded to by more than 1,000 people had 'significant objections' to the principle of a new road due to its impact on communities and the environment. But some people, including businesses, supported it. There was overall support for a Parkway station at junction 34.

A Vale Council spokesman said: "This proposal is currently the subject of a WelTAG Stage 2 transport study being undertaken on the M4 Junction 34 to A48 transport corridor and no firm decision to build a new road has yet been made."

"An update report on the project is due to be considered by the council's cabinet on April 1. This report provides details of the work undertaken to date and also provides information on the ongoing Stage 2 WelTAG work."

**Matt Discombe**

Local democracy reporter

## Penarth Aviation Society news

**THIS coming Friday, April 5 the Penarth Aviation Society will meet in the Penarth Conservative Club at 8pm.**

This month we welcome back Ian Doyle, who spoke to us last month about life on an RAF station in Scotland; he will be talking about some further interesting experiences in his life with the RAF.

These will include details of the evaluation exercises, ranging from fairly routine evaluations to exercises concerning nuclear, chemical and biological warfare in the 80s; descriptions of various NATO exercises and further life on the camp including tales of expeditions to the Cairngorms, running the camp cinema and participating with the RAF Lossiemouth Voluntary Band.

Ian will then tell us about his life in the RAF Regiment Tank Squadrons (and as he says: "I didn't know the RAF had tanks either!"). After the first instalment of Ian's reminiscences we can be assured of a very interesting evening's talk.

Why not join the society? We meet on the first Friday of the month at the Penarth Conservative Club. Visitors and potential members are welcome to attend a meeting, for a small donation, to sample our hospitality.

Further information may be found on our website ([www.penarthaviationsociety.co.uk](http://www.penarthaviationsociety.co.uk)), Facebook ([www.facebook.com/penarthaviationsociety.co.uk](http://www.facebook.com/penarthaviationsociety.co.uk)) and from secretary Barrie Howell on (029) 21322385.



# IN BUSINESS ADVERTISING/ADVERTORIAL FEATURE IN BUSINESS

## LOCAL NEEDS, LOCAL SERVICES

See more from our In Business feature on page 18.

### Welcome to Sabida – movement, fitness and nutrition advisers

**T**HE purpose of Sabida is to provide personal movement, fitness and nutrition advice on a one-to-one or group session basis to individuals over 50.

The benefits of exercise for people in their 50s, 60s and 70s has been widely documented. Not only does it improve joint mobility and increase strength and energy, it can enhance sleep and cognitive function and help prevent illness and disease.

Through research, this age group has been identified as reluctant to attend the gym because of a lack of confidence and as people move into retirement, they start to take it easier because they think they have to. They might have worked hard all their lives and think that now is the time to rest more. Perhaps they used to play sport and, for one reason or another, stopped.

Exercise for older individuals can have just as many mental rewards as physical, such as reducing stress, anxiety and depression – especially the kind that often accompanies post-retirement boredom.

People who suddenly find themselves with all the spare time

in the world once they are no longer working often feel they have lost their purpose and identity. Exercise boosts 'feel-good' chemicals in the brain and helps improve image. It can also help prevent this psychological slump.

Ideally, a physical activity programme for people over 50 should include a combination of balance, stretching, cardiovascular and, crucially, weight training. It is important to match the programme to the individual's ability. Sabida also provides this service to younger clients.

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There are regular clinics in Talbot Green, Dinas Powys, Barry, Treorchy, Caerphilly and Blackwood. Home visits are also available by request, including all CF, NP and SA

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Malmo Hearing are also proud supporters of the Starkey Hearing Foundation having joined a mission to Yerevan, Armenia in 2017. The hearing mission provided access to hearing care to open up a whole new world of opportunity to people in Armenia who were struggling with hearing loss.

The Foundation works to give the gift of hearing to those in need around the world, empowering them to achieve their potential.

### Expert advice could help to avoid dispute

**B**RENDAN Sweeney, of David Prosser & Co Solicitors, writes:

It is estimated that 60 per cent of the UK population does not have a will.

A will takes effect on your death, and is an instruction as to what is to happen to your estate.

Probate disputes and challenges to wills are becoming a growth area, which often leads to substantial costs.

We now live in a world where family relationships are often very complex, and expert advice regarding the drafting of a will is essential.

A professional advisor can also advise you in relation to inheritance tax, and how you plan to minimise potential liabilities to it.

It is important that people are fully aware of their duties and financial

responsibilities when they make a will, to ensure that they comply with the technicalities that are required to have a valid will.

The cost of a professionally-drafted will, after taking advice, is considerably less than the costs that can be incurred if there is a dispute regarding your financial affairs after your death.

Substantial costs can also be saved by taking professional advice early, and putting in place powers of attorney – whereby you appoint trusted people to make decisions about your property and financial affairs and health and welfare, if you lose capacity.

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### Buy it, love it, wear it!

**A**PRIL showers make way for May flowers, as the saying goes – we need the rain in April to bring out beautiful spring flowers and at Samantha B, we have all you need for both of these scenarios.

Be ready for the April showers with the fabulous outer wear that we have this season, whether you're on dog walking duties, hitting the shops or planning a holiday, we have it covered.

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One of my favourites is a light lime, which goes perfectly with everything.

One of the best sellers we've had this season is a pac-a-pocket light padded reversible jacket from Emreco, jacket or gilet in hot pink or navy, block colour one side and stripe on the other – absolutely perfect if you're going away or to have in your handbag just in case.

Now we have outerwear sorted, we can turn our attention to the rest of our wardrobe. It's about now that we change our winter wardrobe to a lighter, brighter spring wardrobe.

We have a fabulous collection of cropped trousers, shorts, culottes and summer trousers and skirts, in beautiful colours, with maxi dresses by Pomodoro, Marble and Adini.

There is something for everyone this season colourwise; pale pastels, bold greens, reds and sunny yellow.

Olsen have a gorgeous yellow jacket – team with a pretty yellow and black floral tee and a pair of trousers, and you're good to go!

Bianca have given us their usual brilliant designs in subtle colours, floral or abstract, which mix and match so all the hard work is done for you.

Pomodoro always has feminine tailoring with lovely day dresses and smarter occasion wear, as well as the ever-popular pull on trousers in super colours – all designed to mix and match for effortless dressing.

Marble have excelled, and we have sold out of three colours in the 7/8s, but don't worry, we still have plenty to choose from.

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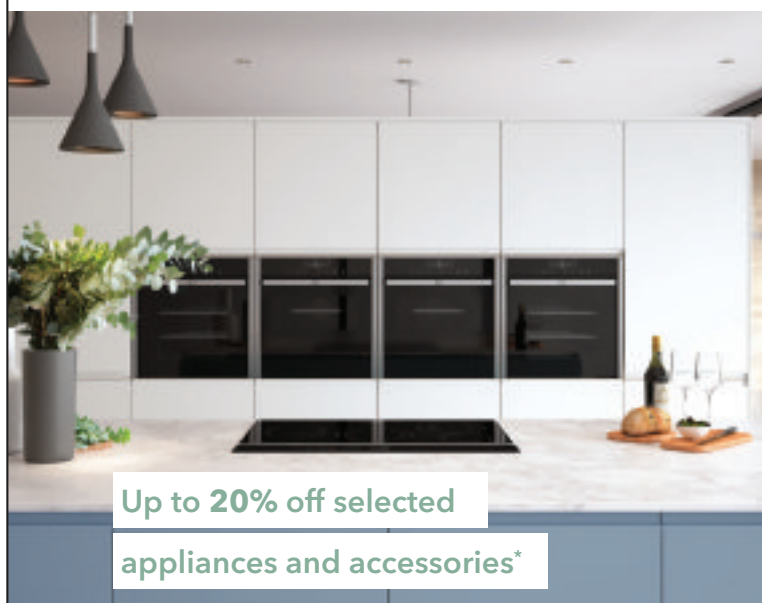
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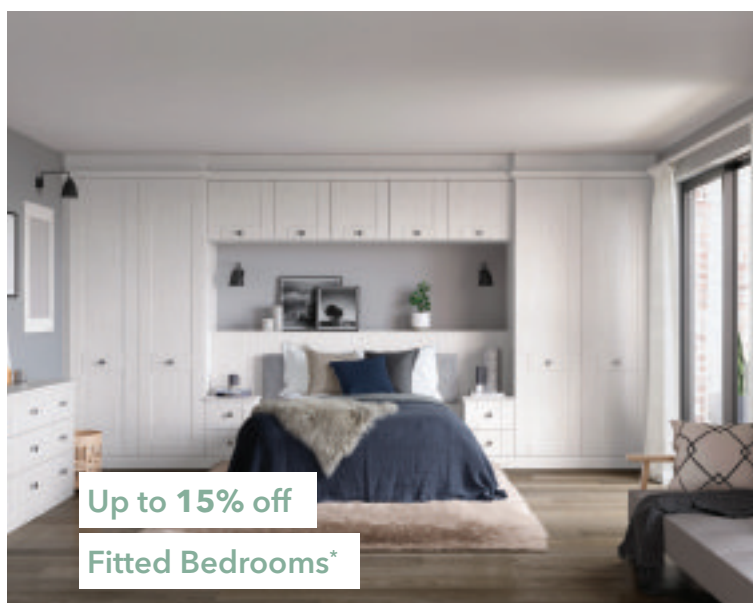


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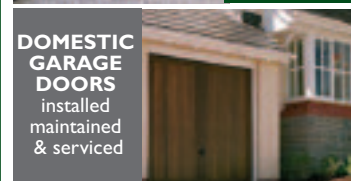
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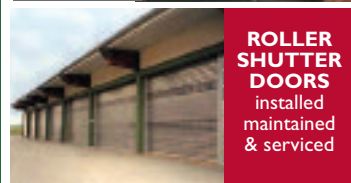
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David said: "This is not old stock, but beautiful and perfect

wallpapers for every room in the home and includes patterns for children's rooms, kitchens and bathrooms. There are also curtains and bedding from just £1 and some amazing prices for some kitchen and bathroom items."

Terry said: "This is a thank-you to so many of our friends and customers, many of whom have been calling at the store with most kind words and to express regret that Silver Star is closing."

"Some customers have even sent 'thank you' cards and messages recalling their memories as customers of the Sylvester family, even back to the days when gas mantles and paraffin for lighting

and heating was sold by the family, from their shop premises in Cross Street and Station Street."

In those days, Terry and David's father John Sylvester ran the high class decorating business carrying out beautiful work on houses, shops and churches – even signwriting on vans, buses, and the fairground rides and fairground organ at Barry Island, from their workshops in Thompson Street and Kendrick Road.

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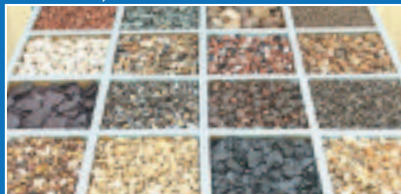
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## Growing to love shady gardens – by Sara Milne



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**A** SHADY garden can be a beautiful retreat if you plan properly and give it a little bit of TLC.

Shady gardens need character as well as beauty; shade is seldom constant. It varies according to the season and time of day, so the first step to understanding what will grow in a shady spot is to observe how the light changes.

Choose shrubs for year-round interest, including blossoms for spring, flowers for summer, berries and vibrant leaf colour for autumn and evergreens for winter.

Many shade gardens are at their best in spring when bulbs, primroses, anemones and hellebores carpet the ground beneath deciduous trees before the leaf canopy opens and excludes the light.

Think big... the low light levels in shady gardens make things appear smaller so make borders deep, paved areas generous and containers as big as space will allow – planted boldly with one or two plant varieties.

Go for living walls – particularly in an urban garden. Trellis can disguise unsightly brickwork and fences and gives a feeling of depth while variegated ivy planted with different types of clematis, both of which are shade tolerant, can create stunning evergreen boundaries.

Careful pruning of trees and shrubs that have grown too large into a more open shape will make a shady space much easier to manage. It will let in more light, allow rain to penetrate the soil more easily and create better growing conditions. But remember, trees and shrubs re-grow over time, so they need to be cut back on a regular basis.

White flowers and silver foliage bring glamour to a shady garden. Many such plants will thrive with little or no sun, as do variegated varieties.

Urban gardens benefit from their protected

micro-climate being a few degrees warmer, so exotic-looking architectural plants such as cordylines or fatsia japonica can be planted. Try mixing different leaf textures and shapes of classic white flowers such as hydrangeas or tobacco plants with the stylish black Ophiopogon. Hostas are very happy in a shady place and do well in pots.

As mentioned before, always go for the largest containers possible. Plants grow well in naturally porous terracotta, which ages beautifully and adds warmth. Bay, box, holly and yew will all be happy in shade, as long as they are not underneath dripping branches. As with all garden containers, make sure you provide adequate drainage holes.

April gets the gardening season off to a flying start, so here's what experts suggest for this month's gardening 'to do' list:

Spring is finally in evidence as daffodils and flowering trees start to bloom. Expect the inevitable April showers 'to do' list: Spring is finally in evidence as daffodils and flowering trees start to bloom. Expect the inevitable April showers 'to do' list:

Spring is a busy time of the year for gardeners. It's a good idea to keep on top of newly emerging weeds – this eliminates competition and ensures your plants have enough space and light to thrive. Grass will grow rapidly in the next few months, be sure to mow once a week but don't cut too short. – Kew Gardens

Spring is here and the garden is waking from its winter slumber. Bulbs should be in full flow now, their bright flowers enough to cheer up any dull day. Time to get started on that lawn for a lush green carpet all year long. – David Domoney



## Barry's got talent – coming in July

TWO semi-finalists from Britain's Got Talent 2018, a Jools Holland regular and a magical Countdown presenter are all on their way to Barry this July.

The very first Barry Fringe Festival, hosted by 'The Small Space' theatre on Island Road, is bringing 12 shows to the town and tickets are on sale now.

Festival organiser, Jasper Blakeley, said: "We have magicians and stand-up comics from Edinburgh Fringe preview shows, top family magic shows, jazz and soul singing. There really is something for everyone at the fringe."

"We're really lucky to have secured the likes of Pontardawe comedian Noel James, who proved a massive hit in last year's Britain's Got Talent TV show and his fellow semi-finalist, comedy magician



Comedy magician Mandy Mudén is appearing at the Barry Fringe in July.

Mandy Mudén."

Small Space director, Bryan Gunton, added: "The talent we have on show is simply incredible."

"There's Countdown presenter and TV magician Paul Zenon previewing his new Edinburgh Fringe show, one of Europe's best card magicians Daniel Chard also performing

and we round the festival off with Jools Holland Big Band jazz-soul singer Louise Clare Marshall."

The Barry Fringe Festival runs from Wednesday, July 17 to Sunday, July 21 and a full list of the shows can be seen at [www.barry-fringefestival.co.uk](http://www.barry-fringefestival.co.uk).

## Rolle College 1966 – 1969 reunion

THIS summer it will be 50 years since this cohort of students finished their courses at Rolle College in Exmouth, Devon.

There are plans for a reunion in Exmouth in June 2019. We, the organisers, would love as many of our ex-students as possible to be there, so please contact me on the

email below for information.

Also, please, contact me if you will not be able to join us but would like to send a message to everyone. If you were not a student but know someone who was, please pass this on to them. Thank you.

Jane at [jdey@post.com](mailto:jdey@post.com)

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Proposal/Cynnig: Redirect existing downpipe and alterations to existing windows to introduce vents

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Proposal/Cynnig: Refurbishment of garage building

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Application No./Rhif y cais: 2019/00262/OUT  
Proposal/Cynnig: Wellbeing Hub consisting of new entrance to Penarth Leisure Centre, reconfiguration of internal spaces of part of the existing leisure centre and (up to) two storey extension

Location/Leoliad: Penarth Leisure Centre, Andrew Road, Cogan, Penarth

Application No./Rhif y cais: 2019/00280/RG3  
Proposal/Cynnig: Erection of extensions to the school for a new Sports Block with link to existing building;

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Location/Leoliad: Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg, Colcot Road, Barry

Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via <http://vgoonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

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Mr Bowmer said: "It is a pleasure to show such an enthusiastic group around and tell them about our

## It's crunch time at local school!



The school's Eco Committee with some of the wrappers to be recycled.

YSGOL Gwaun y Nant Eco Committee have teamed up with Walkers Crisps and TerraCycle to create a free recycling scheme which accepts all empty crisp packets.

The school have also started a free recycling programme for any brand of biscuit, cracker and cake wrappers – anyone can drop off their used crisp packets and wrappers at the school.

The empty packets are sent away to be separated by plastic type, cleaned and extruded into plastic pellets to make new recycled products.

"While we aren't allowed to eat crisps during our play time, we all eat crisps at home. We thought it would be a good idea for us to reduce plastic waste by getting involved in the project. I think that there are only three collection sites in Barry - and we're one of them!" said Fraya from year-6.

Archie, also in year-6, said: "Some of us have been learning about the damage that plastic causes the environment - we really wanted to do something to help. We need to, because we have a responsibility to look after our planet."

Seren from year-5 added: "We would like everyone in Barry to think about what

happens to their waste and bring their empty crisp packets to us so that they can be recycled."

Headteacher Rhyddian Lloyd said: "I think it's a fantastic scheme. I'm very proud that the pupils felt strongly enough to take action and get involved. As an added bonus, the school receives £1 for every kilogram of crisp packets collected."

If you would like the school to recycle your crisp packets or biscuit wrappers, take them to the school at Amroth Court, Caldy Close, Gibbonsdown, Barry, CF62 9DU.

## Barry Sea Cadets enjoy RNLI visit



Barry Sea Cadets gathered around the Barry Lifeboat's inflatable boat.

THIS Monday, instead of the usual parade night, the members of Barry Sea Cadets took advantage of the longer evenings and visited the Barry Lifeboat Station.

They were shown around the station and had the work of the Royal National Lifeboat Institute explained to them by the coxswain of the lifeboat, Martin Bowmer.

Mr Bowmer said: "It is a pleasure to show such an enthusiastic group around and tell them about our

activities. With luck some of them could be future members of the crew."

PO Alison Edwards said: "The cadets had a really good time and now have a better understanding of the hard work that goes into, and the bravery shown by the RNLI in all of its activities from lifeboats to lifeguarding."

Barry Sea Cadets normally parade on Monday and Thursday evenings. If you are interested in joining they can be contacted via the Sea Cadet website or by e-mailing [barryseacadets@gmail.com](mailto:barryseacadets@gmail.com)

## Award-winning exhibition returns to Art Central

THE Vale Council-run Art Central Gallery in King Square will soon see the return of internationally-renowned and award-winning art exhibition, 'Open Books'.

The Open Books exhibition was started in 2010 by Barry-based artist, Mary Husted, at the National Library of Wales and the exhibition since expanded, travelling to Bristol and the Sangham Museum of Contemporary Art in China.

The exhibition features hand-painted folding books and wall-hung artworks crafted by internationally recognised artists from Wales, China, Canada, India and the US.

The exhibition itself has grown so large that it can no longer be accommodated by one venue, and tours continuously worldwide.

It returns to Barry on Saturday, April 13, in collaboration with the Paper Exchange at Bay Arts, an exhibition of works on paper by Welsh and Chinese artists.

CLlr Bob Penrose, cabinet member for learning and culture said: "The return of the exhibition, which has had such far-reaching influence is a symbol of pride for Barry's arts community."

"To host such a unique collection of works crafted by a range of talented individuals is a true honour. This exhibition demonstrates one of the many reasons why Barry residents should continue to make use of the Art Centre Gallery's free events and exhibitions."

"It is projects like this which contributes to ensuring that the arts community in Barry continues to thrive."

The event will run between 2pm and 4pm and will be open to the public and admission is free.



# Out & About with The GEM

## Live-action Dumbo remake fails to fly high

**D**ISNEY'S move to make all their old animated films into 21st century live-action blockbusters has been a commercial success, but critically the films haven't really hit the heights of their forebears.

Tim Burton is the latest director to try and improve upon a classic, having been given the keys to *Dumbo*. Colin Farrell plays Holt Farrier, who, having returned from the war having lost an arm, finds his role in a travelling circus run by Max Medici (Danny DeVito) downgraded from horseman to elephant carer.

When Holt's two children, Milly and Joe (Nico Parker and Finley Hobbs) take a shine to a baby elephant with big ears, little do they know that the baby, christened Dumbo, can fly.

## Point to Point returns to Bonvilston

**THE Glamorgan Hunt point to point is holding this year's fixture at Redland Farm, Bonvilston, on Easter Saturday, April 20, having moved from its regular location at Ystradowen.**

The Bonvilston course has not been used since 2012 and was always a very popular course with competitors and the public. With good access

who wants to team the elephant up with Colette (Eva Green).

However Holt and the children soon discover that Vandevere isn't quite the man they thought he was...

Tim Burton has a history with Disney, having been fired by them when he was 20 for making the short *Frankenweenie* (which wasn't to the studio's tastes) and having toyed (no pun intended) with the idea of helming a live-action take on *Pinocchio*.

So his presence in the director's chair for *Dumbo* isn't a huge surprise – what is, however, is how moribund, emotionally-lacking and bereft of energy the finished product is.

It's Burton's weakest film for a while, and quite comfortably the worst live-action Disney remake yet. The film's undoing isn't by taking a different direction to the animated original – after all, if you hire Tim Burton, you don't ask him to simply make a shot-for-shot remake – but he has taken a direction that strips any magic or fun out of proceedings.

and excellent viewing, the Glamorgan are expecting a wonderful day's sport on the holiday weekend, with an excellent card of six races including the feature race worth £1,000 in prize money.

Entry is super value at only £10 entry for adults with children under 16 free, it offers a good day out for the family in the country side. First race 2pm.



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It's a dark film, a film that seems to revel in the sadder moments (Dumbo being separated from her mother, the familial heartbeat of Holt and his family) without then pulling the release valve and enjoying the euphoric moments. Said euphoric moments are delivered so flatly that they barely register, and while you'll believe an elephant can fly, you won't be all that impressed.

It doesn't help that, using CGI elephants, the character of Dumbo comes without any personality. Having the animals talk was a clever way of conveying mood in the original, but here we don't get that insight, having to make do with lifeless one-dimensional (at best) characters.

Farrell's broken family man has an

interesting narrative arc, but it's one that is downplayed heavily, and while Danny DeVito and Michael Keaton attack their roles with great relish, they're fighting a losing battle in a film so tepid. Even the likes of Eva Green, usually so dependable, get short shrift as the film pushes its plot through human characters that barely resonate.

Writer Ehren Kruger's CV is littered with forgettable fare, so it's hardly surprising that *Dumbo* goes the same way. The story's laboured plotting (and at nearly two hours in length it is laboured in the extreme) fails to ignite, and while trying to take it in a different direction from the source material is a bold move, it's one that badly fails. It's also, for what is ostensibly a children's film, incredibly serious and dark. There are few light moments, mainly darker ones, and Kruger should have shown a gentler touch than he has here.

However, what's most disappointing is seeing Tim Burton's name on this film. Even if he's been hit-and-miss this century (for every *Big Eyes* or *Big Fish* there's an *Alice in Wonderland* or *Planet of the Apes*), he's still more than capable of delivering a quirkily visual spectacle: yet here he seems intent of

creating a pastiche of himself.

Aside from one spookily short trip through a house of horrors, there is nothing in the film that is memorable, no iconic visual moments.

Even seeing Dumbo flying, something that should be breathtaking, leaves you unmoved.

This is one film where it feels like Burton has just phoned it in; a sad statement to make about such a skilled director.

It all adds up to a tragic exercise in what feels like money-grabbing by Disney: rolling out another live-action remake of an iconic film to bring in the megabucks. That's how soulless and how emotionally bereft *Dumbo* feels, a stain on the CVs of all concerned.

**VERDICT:** A dull offering that sacrifices magic and fun for darker elements, *Dumbo* is an incredibly poor film. Tim Burton is directing on auto-pilot, the cast struggle gamely but fail to register and the story bumbles along in low gear throughout – a real waste of everyone's time.

*Avoid at all costs.*

**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:** *Alice in Wonderland* (2010), *Charlie and The Chocolate Factory* (2005).

## What's on and where?

**Art and Craft group**  
THE next meeting of the Llantwit Major Art and Craft Group will be on Friday, April 5 at Llantwit Hall at 7.30pm.

Local artist Nick Hawksworth will be giving a presentation showing how he has developed his work and what influences his art. Visitors are welcome to join the group for what promises to be an interesting evening. A fee of £3 is payable on the night.

View the group's display of art and craft in Llantwit Major library throughout April.

**Jane Hutt AM surgery**  
JANE Hutt AM will hold an advice surgery at The CAB Offices Barry, CF62 7TZ on Friday, April 5 from 4.30pm-5.30pm. No appointment necessary.

**Cuppa with a Copper**  
MP Alun Cairns will be holding a 'Cuppa with a Copper' with PCSO Ash Taylor on Saturday, April 6 from 10.30am-12 noon at Barry Library. No appointment necessary; all Vale of Glamorgan residents welcome.

**Councillors' surgery**  
LLANTWIT First Independent councillors will hold a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, April 6 from 9.30am until 11.30am. Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend.

Advice on how to submit views to the Planning Inspectorate on Ham Woods tree tents planning application will be available.

**Defibrillator fundraiser**  
ST John Cymru-Wales Llantwit Major division is hosting a fundraising event at Llantwit Major Rugby Club on Saturday, April 6.

It starts at midday and is to raise funds for a defibrillator. If people want to get involved, there is more information at [www.stjohn.wales/handsonhearts](http://www.stjohn.wales/handsonhearts).

**Cardiff toy and train sale**  
THE regular collector's bonanza reaches Penarth again when Wales's largest toy and train sale arrives at Penarth Leisure Centre, Cogan, on Saturday, April 6 between 10.30am and 3pm.

Organiser Chris Dyer said: "The venue at Cogan is ideal for a toy and train sale being large, easily accessed from all areas and has Cogan Railway Station virtually next door. We offer over 130 tables at the Cardiff show, with more than 50 traders from all over the UK."

Traders will be buying as well as selling and exchanging, and will offer free valuations on a wide range of toy and train related items. Items bought for cash or exchange, so do raid your attic, dust-off your treasures and bring them along!

For further information, call 01643 702757, 07966 694579 or visit [www.chrisdyerfairs.co.uk](http://www.chrisdyerfairs.co.uk).

**Councillors' surgery**  
COUNCILLORS Andrew Davies and Gordon Kemp will hold a surgery on Saturday, April 6 between 11am and 12pm at the Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhose. No appointment necessary.

**Craft fair in aid of RNLI**  
THERE will be an Easter craft fair

in aid of Barry RNLI in Bonvilston Reading Room on Saturday, April 6 from 10.30am to 4pm.

A wide variety of stalls will be there, including ceramics, painting and crafts, Vale Cider, hand-made bags and more with refreshments – tea, coffee and cakes. Children can have their picture taken with the RNLI's Stormy Stan! For more information, call 07966 172125.

**Councillors' surgery**  
THE Labour Vale and town councillors for Gibbonsdown and Colcot will hold an advice surgery on Saturday, April 6 between 10am and 11am at Coastlands, Tennyson Road, Barry; no appointment necessary.

**Enfys Craft Fair**  
A CRAFT fair will take place on Saturday, April 6 at the St Francis Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry between 10am and 4pm with free admission.

Stalls include jewellery, wooden pens, fabric crafts, cushions, puppets, scarf rings, paintings, cards for all occasions and Ann's Kitchen.

Proceeds of the fair will go to Holme Towers in Penarth. For more information, call Reg on 01446 792149 or Patricia on 01656 880784.

**Litter pick in Cowbridge**  
THE next litter pick being organised by the Love Cowbridge/Hate Litter group will be Sunday morning, April 7 starting at 10am for an hour or so.

Please meet behind the town hall. This is part of the national Great British Spring Clean organised by Keep Britain Tidy.

**Floral Society**  
ON Tuesday, April 9, members of Barry Floral Society will enjoy a floral demonstration by Beverly Clay entitled 'Rethink, Recycle, Reuse' at St Nicholas Hall, St Nicholas Road, Barry, at 2.15pm. New members welcome.

**Age Connects and TeleV**  
THE TeleV Project aims to improve quality of life by helping vulnerable people manage the risks of living in their own homes with a simple, easy to use device.

An adviser from the project will be available on Tuesday, April 9 from 10am to 12pm at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. No appointment is needed; call 01446 732385 for further information.

**PACT meetings**  
COME along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12pm.

Buttrills PACT at the Civic Offices, Holton Road Barry at 6.30pm on Thursday, April 4.

Meet Your Local Officers at Penarth Library on Thursday, April 4 between 11am and 12 noon.

There will be a Police Surgery at Llantwit Major Library on Tuesday, April 9 between 10.30am and 11.30am.

A coffee and chat at St Mary's Hill Golf Club at 11am on Tuesday, April 16.

**NEXT GREAT SHOW...**  
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## What's on and where?

**Cowbridge U3A**  
THE next Cowbridge U3A monthly meeting will be a talk entitled 'Adventures in Ink' by writer and broadcaster Trevor Fishlock at 2pm on Wednesday, April 10 in Cowbridge Town Hall.

Visitors welcome; a small fee includes refreshments. See [www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge).

**Aeronautical Society**  
THE Royal Aeronautical Society's Cardiff branch is holding its AGM followed by a talk entitled 'The People's Mosquito', presented by Alan Pickford at The International Centre For Aerospace Training, Cardiff Airport Business Park, Rhose on April 10 at 6.30pm.

Non-members are welcome; further details and free entry tickets available at [www.raescardiff.org.uk](http://www.raescardiff.org.uk).

**Boot sale season begins!**  
COWBRIDGE Rotary car boot sales raise around £3,000 each year for good causes and we would like to thank all who participate.

This year's dates are detailed below. The sales are held in the car park behind Cowbridge Town Hall and additional parking is available in Arthur John's car park for buyers.

Sunday, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8.

Sellers set up from 7am, fee £6 per car. Buyers welcome from 8.30am.

**Rhose Community Cinema**  
LANDING at Rhose Community Cinema on April 13 is *First Man* (12a): Ryan Gosling stars as the serious, intelligent space pioneer in this intimate epic biopic of Neil Armstrong; a visual feast.

Doors open 6.45pm, screen time 7.15pm; all tickets £5 available on the night or online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/604093](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/604093).

**Barry Island market**  
THE Barry Island handmade market will take place in Barry Island Train Station on Sunday, April 14, 11am to 3.30pm.



## Depleted Pencoeed seal huge victory



ABOVE: Jos Lane draws the attentions of the Cwmavon defence, while BELOW: Shane Izatt crosses for a vital try - ALL PICTURES BY JULIE HANCOCK.



**A SEVERELY depleted Pencoeed squad travelled to Cwmavon, knowing full well nothing less than victory would allay their relegation fears.**

In the circumstances, the squad responded admirably to overcome the odds stacked against them, playing almost entirely the second half with 14 men.

Centre Shane Izatt in typical determined manner opened the scoring for Pencoeed in the early minutes. The home side then hit back to lead 10-5 before outside half Adam Williams restored the Pencoeed lead with a try and conversion.

It was the home side, however, who led 13-12 at the interval with a further penalty goal. Things looked ominous for Pencoeed in the opening moments of the second half with the loss of prop forward Mike Ridley to injury.

Pencoeed were forced to take the passive scrum option and were reduced to 14 men for the remainder of the match under the new rule.

In adversity, the Pencoeed response was superb and under the promptings of coach Keith Burke, raised their game to get their third try, albeit in somewhat fortuitous circumstances.

Wing Jamie Dyer chased down a long kick from scrum half Callum Palmer to dive over in the in goal area and without the benefit of a TMO, this one almost impossible to call,

the match official had no hesitation in awarding the try, Dyer getting his reward for not giving up his long chase.

Going into the final minutes, Cwmavon led 19-17 having added two further penalty goals. A further slice of good fortune then came to Pencoeed's rescue, the home side having what surely would have been a match winning try disallowed.

With two minutes remaining, Pencoeed returned to the attack and following sustained driving play, man of the match Rhys Bargery crossed to the delight of his team mates and supporters for the match winning score and secured a vital try bonus in the process; Williams adding the conversion.

All that remained for Pencoeed was to secure the restart and retain possession through a pick and drive shut out. This they did with aplomb, to the elation of their anxious supporters to seal a memorable 19-24 victory.

For Pencoeed, as well as the man of the match Bargery, skipper Dano Howells led by example and there were also stand out performances from Jack Thompson, Rhys Pilliner, Izatt and Chris Howells, who is slowly returning to full fitness following a lengthy spell out of the game.

Next for Pencoeed is Ystradgynlais on Saturday at the Recreation Ground, kick off 2.30pm.

## Stoker makes his 300th appearance for the Athletic



**ON Saturday, March 30, lock forward Jonathan Stoker made his 300th recorded first XV appearance for Bridgend Athletic RFC in the Division 1 East Central match against St Josephs, where he helped his side win 25-15.**

In all he has made 263 first XV appearances and 37 second XV appearances, scoring 10 tries, and is ninth on the all-time Athletic list of senior appearances.

He now joins the eight Athletic stalwart players with 300-plus appearances - alongside the top two of leader Stuart Morris and second-placed Wayne Fooks and others - Simon Mustoe, Paul Rees, Huw Hathaway, Tony Griffiths, Martin Morris and Gary Dalton - later this season.

A testament to his fitness and commitment to Bridgend Athletic 15 years after his first XV debut is that he has turned out in 20 of the 21 first XV league and cup games this season.

Jonathan made 18 second XV appearances in season 2000-2001. Unfortunately, no records exist for seasons 2001-2003.

In season 2003-2004 he was a regular in the first XV, making 22 appearances that season and crossing for three tries. Along with current first XV prop Wayne Fooks and club backs coach Stuart Morris, Jonathan helped the club that season gain promotion from the old

Division 2 West to the old First Division.

The club also reached the fourth round of the Konika Minolta Cup (currently Welsh Cup) won by Neath that season and open to all clubs in Wales.

Jonathan has remained a good friend of Lee Byrne before and after his rise to rugby stardom. Lee mentioned Jonathan as one of his regular drinking buddies along with the legendary late All Black Jerry Collins in his recent book *The Byrne Identity*.

Jonathan played youth rugby in an Athletic youth side coached by Phil Rees. He very much values his youth experience playing with the likes of Lee Byrne, Carle Ellis, Andrew Smith, Carl Tozer, Gareth Bartlett, Griff Davies and Marcus Sainsbury - team mates and still best mate friends off the field.

In their younger days the group achieved legendary status as much for their exploits off the field as well as on it!

Jonathan was also grateful for the experience of playing senior rugby with the likes of current Athletic coaches Stuart Morris and David Williams and John Doherty and Ian Hemburrow.

As well as giving over 20 years playing time to the Athletic, Jonathan has in return enjoyed the great camaraderie of playing with the Athletic and will always treasure those memories.

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## Pencoeed Panthers get running!



**DOZENS of new runners are now pounding the streets thanks to the support of one of Pencoeed Panthers' members.**

The new athletes have completed a special training programme, taking them from the couch to running 5K in just eight weeks.

The C25K graduates celebrated their huge achievement recently by completing the Porthcawl Parkrun.

Pencoeed Panthers chairman and founder Joanne Jenkins, who cheered them on with other club members,

said the new runners' success is well deserved.

"They've all worked really hard. It's been amazing to see their progress over the weeks, culminating in the completion of the Parkrun," she said.

"It just goes to show that with the right support, running can be enjoyable for everyone."

The Pencoeed Panthers is a Welsh Athletics-affiliated running club for all abilities, which serves Pencoeed and the surrounding area. For more information visit [pencoeedpanthers.co.uk](http://pencoeedpanthers.co.uk).

## Bridgend Athletic youth put up a good fight

**BRIDGEND Athletic RFC youth welcomed Nantyffyllon to Newbridge Fields for a keenly fought Ospreys B Youth League encounter.**

Nantyffyllon were a much bigger side and relied on their forward power to try to dominate possession and territory during the first half.

However, outstanding defence from all the Ath players saw Nantyffyllon limited to just one converted try leading up to half-time, despite the Ath losing influential number 8 Josh Llewellyn, who left the field with a head injury following a fantastic tackle in his own 22.

The cause was also not helped by a yellow card being given to prop Teo Filis midway through the half for a technical offence in the scrum. Just before half-time, Nantyffyllon forced a driving maul over the line to lead 14-0 going into the second half.

The second half was a very evenly-contested affair with both teams having a few chances. Pressure inside the Ath 22 saw flanker Keegan Thomas given a yellow card for an alleged no arm tackle, forcing the Ath to again play with 14 players. A short while later Nantyffyllon forced over another driving maul to lead 19-0.

However, the Ath showed great determination to fight their way back into the game and they were rewarded with a fantastic try from under-16s centre Tomos Florence to end the game, the final score 19-5.

All of the Ath players, including four players from the current under-16s team, should be proud of the effort that they put into the game, and the coaches were extremely pleased with the effort and determination they showed throughout the whole match.

This Saturday, April 6, the youth visit Vardre for another league fixture.

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## Tondu RFC youth remain undefeated

**AFTER the youth boys supported the under-16s against touring side Topsham, it was time to head into the changing rooms and get prepared for the game against Bryncethin.**

Within the first few minutes, Jacob Thomas kicked the ball towards the Bryncethin try line.

The Bryncethin fullback let it roll over the line but Morgan Boobyer was too quick and managed to dive on the ball before the fullback could dab it down to make it 5-0 to Tondu.

Bryncethin were determined to rectify the mistake and quickly scored themselves after a neat grubber kick saw the Bryncethin wing score under

the posts. Tondu then won a penalty on halfway which was slotted over by Jacob Thomas to make it 8-7 to Tondu.

Tondu began to outplay Bryncethin and yet again, from another Bryncethin error, Tondu got on the scoresheet after Jacob Thomas ran 80 meters to grab a try.

Bryncethin came back and scored again after a good offload by their number 8 put the winger in again to make it 14-13 to Bryncethin.

In the second half, Tondu were back on top, gaining multiple penalties through Bryncethin's poor discipline, and Jacob Thomas put over three of these to take the score to 22-14, which is how it stayed.

Mike Sully

## Bench has the key for Tondu seconds

**TONDU RFC seconds travelled to Llan to play Maesteg Celtic seconds in an Ospreys League and Enoch Lewis Cup double header.**

Celtic started the stronger down the slope and took an early lead with a close range try through good work from their heavier pack.

The lighter mobile back row of Tondu kept working hard and started to exploit

gaps in the Celtic defence. It was one of these gaps that led to Owen Baylis weaving and dancing his way through and a turn of pace from the open side sent him over under the posts. Outside half Tom VanCleave duly added the extra two points.

Penalties were exchanged by VanCleave and his Celtic counterpart in what was a keenly-contested first half between differing styles of rugby.

A dogged Celtic took advantage of poor Waterwheelers defence to keep the scoreboard ticking over but again the Tondu back row struck back with a try from burrowing blindside John Lloyd.

The second half was an arm wrestle between two evenly-matched teams, with chances going astray from both teams. This led to a tense final 10 minutes.

Tondu were able to empty

their bench, which in the end proved the difference.

The Celtic backs were turned twice in the closing stages from the pinpoint kicking of Josh Scholesy Thomas which led to two tries for Tommy Harris.

The game finished 31-15 and Tondu play Celtic at Pandry Park this Saturday in their Ospreys League return fixture.

Mike Sully





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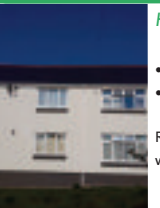


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## Family Notices

## HARDING

### Ruby

(née Montgomery)

Peacefully after a short illness on 29th March 2019, aged 95 years, devoted wife to Arthur. Loving mother to Keith and Russell, stepmother to Derys, Peter and Angela, mother-in-law to Carol, Cheryl and the late Stephen. Sister-in-law to Alan, Wendy and Sylvia, cherished grandmother to all her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

*Ruby will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.*

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Wednesday, 10th April at 11am.

Family flowers only. Donations may be made in memory of Ruby in favour of The British Heart Foundation at the service.

## CHISLETT

### Mel

At home on 23rd March 2019, Mel aged 73 years, beloved dad and granddad.

*Mel will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.*

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Thursday, 11th April at 11am.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for British Heart Foundation or Kidney Research UK c/o the funeral director.

*You have left our lives but you will never leave our hearts.*

## BARNFIELD

### Janice

Suddenly on 19th March, Janice, aged 59 years. Much loved sister of Lynn, Wendy and Gaynor, adored aunt of Lisa.

*Janice will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.*

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Wednesday, 10th April at 1pm, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to the funeral home.

## CORBIN

### Jean (née Davies)

Peacefully, following a short illness, on 28th March 2019 at Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth. Beloved wife of Viv, much loved sister of Michael and cherished stepmother of Gwynneira.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the funeral at St David's Methodist Church, Colcot Road, on Thursday, 11th April at 3pm, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry. No flowers by request. Donations if desired to Marie Curie Hospice, Cardiff & Vale, Bridgeman Road, Penarth, CF64 3YR.

## LEWIS

### Cliff

The family wish to announce the sad passing of Cliff on 26th March at the University Hospital of Wales. He will be well known for his 30 years committed service to Barry Town Council and a former Town Clerk. Devoted husband to Catherine, much loved dad of Craig and Charlene. Respected father-in-law of Ricki and Chris. An adored bampy of Samuel, Macy and Eleri. Special son-in-law of Tess and loving brother of Gail.

*Cliff will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.*

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at St Helen's RC Church, Barry on Tuesday, 9th April at 10.45am, followed by interment at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, Barry.

Family floral tributes only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support Cancer Research Wales in memory of Cliff.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay J Ellis 01446 407962.

## BROUGHTON

### John Thomas

Peacefully at Llandough Hospital on 23rd March 2019, John aged 84 years, formerly of Tynewydd, Rhondda, former rugby player for Penarth RFC, retired RAF and Police Officer, former Captain of Wenvoe Castle Golf Club. Beloved husband of the late Jean.

*John will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.*

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare Barry, until his service at All Saints' Church on Friday, 12th April at 11am, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for Ty Hafan c/o the funeral director.

## TAYLOR

### Stephen (Steve)

Peacefully on 1st April with his devoted wife Angela at his side, Steve passed away. He will be well known for his commitment of 30 years to the 6th Barry Sea Scouts and a much loved dad of Keith and Saira. Cherished son to Harriet and the late Leslie, loving brother of Keith and sister-in-law Christine.

*Steve will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.*

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at All Saints' Church, Park Road, Barry on Friday, 12th April at 1.30pm, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry.

Immediate family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth & Barry Dock RNLI in memory of Steve.

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## PHILLIPS

### John James

Suddenly at home on 18th March 2019 after a short illness, John, dear father of Gareth, will be greatly missed by family and friends. John was a former partner with the Alex Gordon Partnership (Architects), Cardiff.

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## FLOWER

### Sue

It is with great sadness that the family announce that Sue died peacefully at the Manor House, St. Hilary, Cowbridge on Thursday, 7 March 2019. Beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Celebration of Life Service to be held in Llanblethian Church (St. John the Baptist) on Saturday, 13 April 2019 at 11.30am.

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## SMITH

### Joan

Peacefully on Monday, 25th March, Joan, loving wife of the late Bill. Much loved mother of Nigel Nick and Erica. Adored grandmother and great grandmother.

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Peter

## Thank you

✿ MAVIS AUSTIN ✿

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Mavis xxxxx

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# Dinas Powys RFC dominate but are defeated by Gilfach Goch

**THE 'Villagers' contrived to lose a match at Gilfach Goch which they dominated for large periods, in which they scored three tries and missed an eminently kickable penalty in the final minute that would have gained them the victory.**

The final game of the season for Dinas Powys saw some exceptional individual performances that in the end were negated by an injury to the rock in the scrum, tight head prop Andrew O'Malia, and the substitutions of back-rowers Corey Imperatto and Lewis Dunleavy, when Dinas Powys led by eight points entering the final 10 minutes of the contest.

The sun shone throughout the game providing perfect conditions for running rugby; the home side

had the advantage of the appreciable slope in the first half, and used this to score a fine individual try through their inside centre within 10 minutes.

The Villagers responded promptly with a penalty and then produced a period of exciting rugby where influential scrum half Sam Middlemiss, centre Rhys Evans tormented the home defence, and wing Mike Smith and impressive flanker Finn Davies combined to get within inches of the home try line. The home side, on rare forays into the Dinas half, kicked two penalties and on the stroke of half time, full back Ben White converted a penalty for the visitors to provide a half time score of 13-6.

The feeling on the touchline among the Dinas supporters was that their team had squandered three or four try scoring chances and on the balance of

play should have held a comfortable lead. Before the start of the second half fly half Carwyn Jones was substituted, with Ben White moving from centre to cover that position and veteran wing Tom Chapman coming on the wing with Mike Smith moving into the centre.

The start of the second half saw the Villagers score an early try following a powerful carry from the imperious Corey Imperatto, which saw powerful second row Ryan Hall crash over for the score.

A second try soon followed as fine play between Finn Davies and Ben White freed Chapman to cross

for a try in the right corner. The Villagers were enjoying a period of utter dominance and tearing the home defence apart, and soon added a third try – a cross kick by White was gathered by left wing Tom Davies and passed to Rhys Evans, who went on a mazy run before feeding Mike Smith who scored the try.

The 'Villagers' had scored three tries in the first quarter of an hour of the second half, the fact that none of these tries was converted did not seem relevant, such was their dominance. However they failed to add to their score, and somehow managed

to lose a contest that seemed under their control. They went on to concede a converted try and a penalty, but still had a chance of winning the game with a late penalty of their own but the usually reliable White missed the kick.

The Villagers outscored their hosts by three tries to two and will have to pinch themselves when they reflect on this result, and on how they failed to gain the victory.

HJ

## Barry Chess Club news

**IN Division One, the Bosons are still fighting to avoid relegation. The current bottom three, the Bosons along with Bridgend A and the Cardiff AJs have been in the relegation spots almost all season.**

Our last match was against the Bridgend side, so the draw we achieved really doesn't do either side any good as we both remain in the bottom 3 although it has raised the Bosons from bottom to ninth.

Our next two matches are against the two Pontypridd teams who are just above the relegation red line so we must get wins from both of these games, preferably big ones.

In Division Two, the Camelots last game was

also against a Bridgend side, the B team; we lost by 3.5 to 1.5. Chris Green was our only victor who also recorded a victory for the Bosons against the Bridgend A team above.

The Camelots sit in fifth place, comfortably eight points above the relegation spot and nine points below the final promotion spot; safety seems assured.

The Quarks in Division Three managed to draw against Rhondda A with captain Sam White being the only winner with three draws. The Quarks remain in seventh place. With only four games to play, albeit four tough games we hope we can avoid relegation as we have an 8.5 point advantage over the bottom club.

In Division Four, the Gambits are in second place with the Stauntons

in third. While it seems unlikely both of our teams will earn promotion, there remains the possibility, or should I say danger, that if the league suffers any withdrawals during the summer, four teams could be promoted from this division!

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry. The club is open to players of all standards – whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly game.

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## Barry and District Men's Skittles League

### DIVISION 1:

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League table: 49ers

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Boys 22, Merrymen

20, Posties 20, Blue

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17, Sea View 17, Willie

Wombles 17, Billy

Whizz 15, KP Rejects

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League table: Park

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28, H Bells 24, Hairi

Lemons 22, Barry

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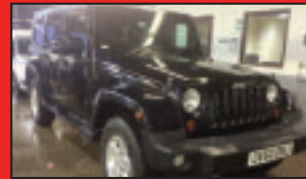
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## The Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

IT was 'Super Saturday and Sunday' in the Vale league this weekend and it didn't disappoint.

Rhys Hocking's 35 yard screamer put Penarth Town B on their way to 4-2 Dockers Cup triumph over Vale Madrid at Jenner Park; Hocking added his second while Lewis Slack and Owen Miller notched the other two to see Penarth lift the trophy, that dates back 98 years, for the first time.

In league action Barry Athletic sealed the Premier Division championship for the second successive year with a 3-1 victory over Island Marine in the Island derby. A fantastic achievement by all at the club, and with a game to spare, the focus now turns to the promotion play-offs to the SWFA Alliance league.

Elsewhere, Barry Cup finalists Cowbridge Town narrowly edged past St Athan 1-0, sending them level on points with third-placed Marine.

In Division One the race for promotion is hotting up as it reaches its crescendo with Cadroxton Imps coming out 2-1 victors over Tynewydd, Jamie Livingston and a Kyle Henderson winner giving Imps all three points. The win puts Imps second on goal difference with a game in hand and two games to go.

Tynewydd now have to hope Imps slip up before their final league game at the end of April.

Division One Champions Holton Road rediscovered their title-winning form and saw off in-form Cardiff Airport 1-0. With the Supporters Cup final coming up this week and the SWFA Intermediate Cup semi-final in two weeks it's a much-needed boost for the impressive outfit.

Cogan Coronation move above Airport into fourth with a 4-2 win over SP Billy; Cogan can still finish second but would require the two sides above them to lose their remaining games - and Cogan coincidentally play Imps in a fortnight.

There was only one game in Division Two as Barry Vikings fought back from two goals down to draw 2-2 with league leaders AFC Rhose B, Cory James and Harry Lambert with the Vikings goals.

The result sees Vikings go second on goal difference and five points behind Rhose with two games in hand. Vikings played Barry Athletic B in midweek and then third-placed St Athan this weekend with it all to play for.

Finally, in the ASRS Cup, the second semi-final saw AFC Rhose defeat Penarth Town 3-1 to book their place in the final against Island Marine.

There's another big weekend of action this weekend.

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## Dinas Powys Golf Club ladies section results

**ON March 5, a nine hole Stableford was held:**

1st Samantha Saunders 20 points; 2nd Audrey Harwood 18; 3rd Ruth Yates 17.

On March 19, a nine hole Norwegian Stableford: 1st Audrey Harwood 25 points; 2nd Ruth Yates 24 3rd Sally 23, on back six from Max Hird.

On March 26, a nine hole Norwegian Stableford: 1st Annie Blackburn 28 points; 2nd Sue Bridle 25; 3rd Samantha Saunders 24 on back three from Ruth Yates and Angela Brown.

A nine hole eclectic from January 8 to March 18 was held: 1st Maxine Hird 31.75 nett; 2nd Lisa Ryley 33.25; 3rd Sue Bridle 33.75.

On March 24 we held a successful taster day for ladies and we are holding another on Tuesday, April 16, 6pm-7pm.

Please contact our professional, Matt Coombes, on 07478680515/02920513682 for more information.

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The Bridgend Athletic under-7s with their blue hair.

## Bridgend Athletic RFC mini and junior round-up

**THE under-7s welcomed Cowbridge to Newbridge Fields.**

All the Ath players sported blue hair in support of World Autism Awareness Day on Tuesday, April 2. Both clubs had enough players to field three teams so plenty of game time was available for all. Stand-out players were Ollie Davies, Ollie Dowson and Evan Mordecai who made his debut for the club.

**The under-8s also welcomed Cowbridge RFC to Newbridge Fields.**

The Ath's strong squad numbers meant that Bridgend players had to be loaned to enable Cowbridge to field two teams and run two matches concurrently.

With ball in hand Bridgend demonstrated just how dangerous an attacking team they are, but for the second consecutive week defence looked lethargic and disorganised, making it too easy for Cowbridge to keep the scoreboard ticking over.

There was plenty of rugby, with four 20-minute matches played. Bridgend took the spoils overall with three wins and a draw, scoring a total of 46 tries and clocking up 124 tags. **The under-9s hosted Cowbridge and Bedwas and all players sported blue hair in support of World Autism Awareness Day.**

The Ath fielded two teams, the Green & Golds. The Greens played Bedwas first, a very good defensive display and swift passing resulted in the Ath winning 50-0.

The Golds played a

good Cowbridge team who kept the ball alive with constant offloads, too many missed tackles resulted in Cowbridge winning 45-20.

Next up the Greens played Cowbridge and came back to win 40-20, while the Golds finished with a 55-35 win over Bedwas.

Try scorers were Mason Brown, Rudi Quinn, Ethan Davies, Dylan Jones, Grayson Lewis Whelan, Zack Hughes, Osian Kenny, Rory Whyte, Harry Clark, Owain Williams, Max Edwards, Oliver Turvey, Rhys Cawley, Seth James, William Waite, Rhys Gardiner and Dylan Gardiner. **The under-10s welcomed Cowbridge to Newbridge Fields.**

A squad of 20 players for both teams produced lots of entertaining rugby. The Ath chose to evenly split the squad to allow for player development.

The Greens started strongly in game one, Oliver scoring four tries in the first half, the score 4-3 to the Ath at half-time.

The first try of the second half was the try of the game, a full team effort with all players involved. Theo scoring the try. Oliver crossed the whitewash for two more tries, and scrum half Jayden passed to Jacob whose try made the final score Ath 8, Cowbridge 4.

The second game was more closely-contested, with a solo effort by Albert being cancelled out almost immediately by a Cowbridge counter attack making it 1-1 at the break. Cowbridge scored two quick tries, but Albert crossed for his second of the game, the final score Ath 2

Cowbridge 3.

Ath Golds' first game was well-contested with the whole team working as a unit to grind out victory, tries from Jamie, Shon and Jackson giving the Ath the win, 3-2.

The Golds' final game was another try fest, with 12 touchdowns giving a final score of Ath 9, Cowbridge 3. Jackson added five more tries to his tally, Jamie scoring twice, Tomas and Harry also getting on the scoresheet.

**The under-11s took on a strong Cowbridge team.**

With a full squad of 12 players the Ath started the game focused, running in three quick tries. The second half was much the same, tries coming from both backs and forwards.

Cowbridge hit back with two tries of their own but it was too late, the final score Ath 50, Cowbridge 10.

**The under-13s welcomed Ebbw Vale to Newbridge Fields.**

Rhys Hockings ran in from inside his own half to score, the conversion by Charlie Rees taking

the score to 7-0, but silly Ath mistakes allowed Ebbw Vale to score three tries without response, and with one successful conversion it meant the half-time score was 7-17.

The second half followed a similar pattern with Ebbw Vale scoring a number of tries, running out well deserved winners, 7-45.

**The under-14s were up against Abergavenny.**

The Ath were short on squad numbers which meant a number of players played out of position. Abergavenny started the stronger and took a 0-12 lead, only for Fynn Bull to score to make it 5-12 at half-time.

The second half started badly for the Ath when Abergavenny stretched the lead to 5-19, but hard work paid off when Bull got a second try for 12-19, and then Josh Stephens levelled the scores.

It had looked as if the Ath were sunk earlier but now they went hard for the win and Josh Stephens scored the decisive try to win the game 24-19.

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## Vets reach cup final

**BARRY Vets FC started this semi-final encounter against Penybont with real intent and could have been 2-0 up in the first 15 minutes.**

Huish and Marshall were catalysts for some dazzling football by the home side, enabling Murray, Dupuy, Bobbett and Taylor to terrorise the opposition.

They had to wait until 20 minutes in for an ever-alert Bobbett to put his team into a 1-0 lead, but they dominated the remainder of the half and should have taken a more healthy lead into the interval.

In the second half Barry again created some gilt-edged chances, Bobbett, Murray, Dupuy all guilty of profligacy, and as changes were rung and players tired, the game became more open and Penybont, with a number of high-calibre players on

display, were an increasing threat.

Fortunately their forages forward were curtailed by the consummate Jones and Blackie, who along with their able lieutenants Staddon and Hill, meant keeper John Jones was mostly a spectator.

The hosts however, received a timely reminder of their slim advantage when Penybont's Dalton struck the bar from distance and substitute Batt further increased his team's blood pressure with an over-casual back-pass, so it was a relief when fellow substitute Brown finally calmed the nerves with a powerful header from a Dupuy corner.

Barry ran out worthy 2-0 winners and earned a place in the Over-55s Right Equity Release Cup final on May 12 at Ystrad Mynach Centre for Sport against the winners of Llantrisant and Swansea.

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## End of winter season for golfers

**ST Mary's Golf Club Senior Section enjoyed a busy week of golf.**

First up was the final of the Winter Pairs matchplay competition which was contested by the pairings of Ray Stacey/Gareth Thomas and Owen Maund/Roger Hatton. Scoring was nip and tuck through the front nine but the turning point came on the difficult par four 12th hole when Stacey sank a 20-foot putt for five to win the hole and bring the score back to all square.

Thomas' par on hole 14 was sufficient to put them one up and the pairing retained their momentum over the closing holes to gain a three and one victory. During the after-match refreshments, Hatton jokingly grumbled, "They were lucky".

Hard on the heels of the pairs final, 32 other members teed off in the spring sunshine for a stroke play four ball better ball competition. The course condition

had very much improved over the recent warm spell and the dry fairways allowed for some decent run on the ball, instead of the plugging to which the members had become accustomed.

Scoring was largely sub par and, with a fine ten-under-par score of 58, the trophy went to Phil Hatton and section captain, Dave Hughes. A count-back was necessary to separate two returns of 61, but with a better back nine, second place was claimed by Bryant Thomas and Brian Callow. Twos were scored by Hughes and Trevor Evans.

The members travelled to Langland Bay Golf Club for their annual Spring Away Day. The weather was perfect and the course in good condition, even if the greens proved a little testing. The winner on the day was Eddie Fothergill.

Norman Lloyd

## Bridgend Bridge Club latest news

**THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows.**

On March 27: first, Steve Burgoyne and Linda Pinnock; second, Alan Heath and Rob Forman; third, Graham Jones and Irene Thomas. The winners on handicap were Steve Burgoyne and Linda Pinnock.

On March 28: first, Steve Burgoyne and John Evans; second, Stuart Davies and John Henson; third, Ivor Hicks and Stewart Norton. The winners on handicap were Steve Burgoyne and John Evans.

On March 29: first, Tony Disley and Jenny

Vaughan; second, Simon and Debbie Richards; equal third, Irene Thomas and Keith Davison and Dave Reed and Jim Hume. The winners on handicap were Tony Disley and Jenny Vaughan.

Regular club nights take place at 7pm on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. On Thursday afternoons at 2pm there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding. All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

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## The Athletic edge out St Josephs in thrilling game



Ald Thomas scores a try (above left) and (above right) Ben Davies scores with Ben Howe and Owain Leyshon in support. ALL PICTURES BY JOHN CANON.

**BRIDGEND** Athletic and St Joseph's played out a fast attacking game in the bright Newbridge Fields sunshine.

Both sides crossed for three tries but it was the boot of Athletic outside half Luke Bevan, maintaining his average of 10 points a game since his recent return from a six-month lay off with a knee injury, that proved decisive in an Athletic 25-15 victory.

Both teams entered the game undefeated in their previous seven games and showed during the game why they are in such good form, but the Athletic made it 10 wins in their last 11 games, and while not at their best did enough to win.

Both teams' full backs – the Athletic's Sam Richards and the Joe's Leo Marshall – looked successfully throughout the game to turn defence into attack by often choosing to run rather than kick.

The Athletic started on the front foot and two

early attacks inside the visitors' 22 were marred by conceding needless penalties. St Joseph's made them pay in the 13th minute, opening play on their own 10 metre line and great interpassing between at least 10 pairs of hands was rewarded by a corner try for captain, No 8 Oliver Young.

Two minutes later the Athletic showed they were also adept with ball in hand. Former youth half backs Dan James, in his 50th senior game, and Luke Bevan, starting together for the first time this season, opened play on halfway.

Centres Tom Jenkins and Tom Davies ran strongly. When Davies was held, flanker and captain Ben Howe was on hand to scoop up the ball and feed No 8 Ben Davies. Davies ran strongly into the Joe's 22 before offloading to his namesake Tom Davies to cross for his fifth try of the season and level the score at 5-5.

In the 18th minute Athletic outside half

Luke Bevan kicked a penalty to touch on the Joe's 22. Hooker Nathan Holman found lock Ben Cording and the Athletic drove a maul infield.

Scrum half James broke from the back of the maul and drew the cover before putting No 8 Ben Davies over for his fourth try of the season. Bevan's conversion gave the Athletic a 12-5 lead and brought up the Athletic's 350th league point this season.

The Athletic front row of Matthew Muir, Nathan Holman and Wayne Fooks were edging the scrums and winning penalties. From one of the penalties wide out 30 metres from the try line Bevan increased the Athletic lead to 15-5.

St Joseph's were prepared to run from anywhere on the pitch and another flowing move was halted illegally by the Athletic.

The Joe's kicked to the corner and from the resulting lineout driving maul flanker Leon Casonia was driven over to narrow the margin to 15-10.

The Athletic went back on the attack and a promising move five metres from the try line again saw the Athletic lack composure and concede another penalty.

With the final move of the half, when a Joe's player was tackled 30 metres from his line, excellent 'jackalling' by Athletic flanker Will Petchell forced a penalty for holding on; Bevan duly converted to end an absorbing half with an 18-10 advantage for the Athletic.

In the 47th minute lock Jonathon Stoker, making his 300th senior Athletic appearance, supplied top of lineout ball on half-way to scrum half James. Quick ball transfer via

Bevan and Jenkins saw the ball reach centre Tom Davies on halfway.

Davies made a Jonathan Davies-esque outside break running into the Joe's 22 before releasing supporting wing Aled Thomas to race over under the posts for his fourth try of the season.

Bevan converted to give the Athletic a three-score advantage at 25-10. It also brought up Bevan's 50 points for season in only his fifth game and makes him leading points scorer this season.

Bevan was yellow-carded on the hour mark for an adjudged tip tackle. The Athletic rang the changes with Robert Evans coming on at outside half, Stuart Floyd Ellis at centre, Matthew Norman at loosehead prop and Cameron Thomas at flanker.

Wing Owain Leyshon, carrying a foot injury, was sacrificed in the rearranged Athletic back line. Minutes later lock Ben Cording was forced off with a blood injury and replaced flanker Will Petchell returned to the field to cover lock.

The Joe's were also disrupted by injuries to outside half James Lawrence and at prop.

It was Joe's who coped better with the disruptions and good running saw them run strongly into the Athletic 22. When the Athletic were penalised a quick tap penalty saw a St Joseph's player driving low over the try line to reduce his side's deficit to 25-15.

With five minutes remaining the Athletic had an attacking five metre scrum. They moved the ball into mid-field looking for a bonus point try. Centre Luke Boys intercepted and 10 seconds later the Athletic

were desperately defending their own try line.

Athletic wing Aled Thomas was adjudged to have tackled a player without the ball and was given a yellow card.

In the remaining minutes St Joseph's threw everything at the Athletic try line looking for two losing bonus points. However, in what has been a familiar end to several Athletic games a well-organised defence held firm, and the Athletic consolidated their second-place position in the league with a hard fought 25-15 victory against a very good St Joseph's team.

The Athletic have now defeated every side in Division 1 East Central at least once except for leaders and champions-elect Glamorgan Wanderers.

Athletic head coach John Apsee summed up: "Our performance was a bit below par, but got the result, very frustrating as we left a bonus point out there. There is a lot more potential in this side. Hopefully we'll address issues in training before this Saturday's Rhiwbina fixture."

"Man of the match Ben Howe was closely followed by Ben Davies and Will Petchell. Full back Sam Richards is now playing with confidence and just shaded pick of backs with centres Tom Jenkins and Tom Davies also producing solid performances."

This Saturday, April 6, the Athletic host Rhiwbina in a game sponsored by the Athletic Old Boys with a clubhouse reunion following the game. They then visit St Joseph's the following Saturday for their final league fixture this season.

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## Tondu move closer to safety after win over Aberavon Quins



Josh Tatchell scores a try for Tondu - See more pictures from GARETH ANTHONY at [glamorgan-gem.co.uk/sport](http://glamorgan-gem.co.uk/sport).

**A BRILLIANT first minute finish by Tondu centre Josh Tatchell set the Waterwheelers up for another win on the road against Aberavon Quins.**

The Quins were not going to lie down easy though, playing their final game of the season, and a fine move midway through the first half saw Lewis Cronin sail over in the corner; Aled Jones slotted the conversion to put his side in front.

Jones then landed a penalty on the stroke of half-time to give the home side a 10-5 half-time advantage.

The second half belonged to the visitors though, with Tatchell first nailing a penalty, before finishing off a great spell of attacking rugby to claim his second try.

Tondu were now in the ascendancy and further sensational handling skills from the backs sent Matthew Murphy over for a marvellous try, and the game was effectively over as a contest when the Quins crept over for a last-minute try, which Jones again converted.

Tondu travel to Bonymaen this Saturday before ending their season at home to Brynamman the following Saturday.

It's been a strange season for the mid-Glamorgan club, struggling throughout the first half, before finding their swagger during the second half and they will now be looking forward to their American tour, as they get to terms with learning the American national anthem.

Mike Sully

## Defeat for Maesteg Celtic

**MAESTEG Celtic welcomed visitors Ammanford to Garth Park hoping to ease their relegation worries.**

Ammanford brought a strong side with four players from the Championship to strengthen their team. They soon exerted their superiority with an unconverted try after five minutes.

Celtic exerted pressure from the restart but the visitors won a turnover ball in their own 22 and ran the length of the field to score.

Once again the Celtic pack gained possession in their opponents' 22 from the restart as a result of a fine break by wing Lewis Jenkins.

Flanker Jonathan Davies took the ball on and scrum half Morgan Lloyd raced through a gap from the resulting ruck to touch down. Matthew Harris converted.

Ammanford extended their lead from halfway when their centre raced through the Celtic defence, drew the full back and threw a long pass to the wing for a try. They closed the half with a penalty kick as a result of Celtic being caught offside.

Ammanford opened the second half with a penalty. They then took advantage of Celtic losing a player to a yellow card and ran in a try from an interception by their second row.

Both sides then had a player yellow carded before Ammanford extended their lead to 39-7 with a kick and chase touchdown.

Celtic had another player yellow carded. With 10 minutes left Celtic upped their game and Matthew Harris kicked a penalty to the corner.

Their forwards repeatedly attacked the visitors' line before flanker Peter Kehoe

broke clear and passed to Harris arriving at pace on the blind side. Harris scored the try and converted it.

Celtic counter-attacked from the kick off and full back James Dixon put centre Kristian Jenkins clear to run around the defence, before passing to wing Geraint Roberts for the touchdown which he converted.

The Celtic pack returned the kick-off with relish and took play into the visitors' half and earned a penalty. Matthew Harris kicked it into the corner and hooker Morgan Reeves found jumper Alex Jones, who was driven over the try line for Reeves to score the bonus point try, the final score 39-26.

Flanker Jonathan Davies was voted Celtic man of the match.

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## Porthcawl Bridge Club news

**HERE are the latest results from the Porthcawl Bridge Club:**

March 9: First, Roger Draper and Dave Nicklin; second, Trish Saunders and Janet Richards.

March 14: First, Tony Haworth and Dave Nicklin; second, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams.

March 16: First, Trish Saunders and Janet Richards; second, Terry Dolan and Pat Roper.

March 21: First, Maurice and Margaret

Harris; second, Terry Dolan and Roger Plant.

March 23: First, John Beard and Tony Haworth; second, Trish Saunders and Janet Richards.

March 28: First, Tony Haworth and Keith Davison; second, Dave and Norma Newman.

The club meets twice a week at the Awel-y-Mor centre on Thursdays (6.45pm-9.45pm), Saturdays (3.15pm-6.15pm).

Visitors are welcome at any time. To contact the club, call Trish on 01656 785794.

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